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Tories lay plans for election as spending figures raise Major's hopes

# Yes, the boom is coming

DIANE COYLE JOHN RENTOUL and DONALD MACINTYRE

A consumer mini-boom will be under way within months, figures released yesterday show.

They gave John Major one of the strongest signs yet that he could be reaping the electoral benefits of economic recovery by the autumn.

The prospect of good times to come was held out by figures showing that growth in consumer spending in the first three months of 1996 was the fastest for more than two years. Total consumer spending

rose 0.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year, the biggest advance since the end of 1993. Growth in the underlying volume of spending on the high street recovered to 2.2 per cent. the fastest for just over a year. The pace of retail sales growth was even faster in some important sectors, such as house-

hold goods, clothes shops and

department stores. In a separate survey, the House Builders' Federation said market conditions for new house-building were the best since 1994. Almost three-quarters of members expect an increase in sales this year.

The combined evidence suggests the economy will increasingly help the Government's hopes of re-election. Although stuck in the doldrums, most economists think growth will have built up a head of steam by the autumn.

While the Tory high command continues to insist it prefers a spring election, the new economic figures will inject hope into the party of its electoral chances if it is forced to go to the country in the autumn, by a defeat in a Commons confidence vote, for example.

Tory strategists dismiss the idea that Mr Major would voluntarily seek an autumn election unless there was a dramatic leap

ing, now languishing 25 points below Labour. Mr Major has also let it be known he does not intend to call a snap "beef election" on the back of his plans

to disrupt Brussels business. But Brian Mawhinney, the Tory chairman, has continued to urge key party figures to main-tain contingency plans for an autumn election.

Well-advanced campaign plans include setting up a toplevel secret committee, includ ing Maurice Saatchi; head of M&C Saatchi, the Tory party's



advertising agency, Sir Tim Bell, the public relations guru to Baroness Thatcher when she was prime minister, Tim Collins, the party's former diseparate figures showed that rector of communications and nanufacturing industry remains a close Major adviser and Peter Gummer, chairman of the PR firm, Shandwick, brother of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The Treasury said that it was clear that consumer demand was starting to pick up, and that the economy would be strong in the second half of this year. This opinion was seconded by the Confederation of British

Industry, even as it reported that manufacturing orders were at their lowest since December

The CBI urged the Chan-cellor, Kenneth Clarke, not to

es too much in view of the signs

of surging consumer spending.
"The economy needs a little bit more boredom as we run up to the excitement of the election," said Sudhir Junankar, a CBI economist.

City of London experts said there was no doubt a consumer recovery was under way. But they were less sure it would deliver enough votes to rescue the Conservatives.

"The famous feel-good factor is there. But you can feel great and still not like the Government," said Steven Bell, chief economist at merchant bank Deutsche Morgan Grenfell. He added: "It could be in 1997, the first year of a Blair government, when we see realrapid growth."

The latest signs of recovery do not yet show the impact of last month's tax cuts. These delivered the biggest boost to spending power since Nigel Lawson cut the basic rate of income tax to 29p a decade ago, according to official figures last

However, the weakness in industry, reflected in a drop in exports and slower stock building in the first quarter of this year, is likely to keep the overall pace of economic expansion modest. The Treasury has downgraded its internal forecast for GDP growth this year from 3 per cent to to 2.5 per cent.

Tory strategists said yesterday that next spring was the optimum time for an election.

But an unresolved discussion has already taken place over whether it would be preferable. in the event of an autumn election, to hold it in September-October and thus cancel the party conference, with the two main opposition parties being denied a pre-election platform, or late October-November, using the Tory conference as a



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All smiles: John Major meets schoolchildren in Downing Street yesterday. Economic revival may boost the Tories

### Sweeter whisky leaves a sour taste

NIGEL COPE

It is a decision that will have traditional Scotsmen choking on their single malts. A leading Scotch whisky distillery is to tamper with the taste of the amber fluid in a bid to woo a female audience.

In September, Glenmorangie will launch three new "flavours" of whisky which will come with a hint of port, sherry or Madeira. The distiller feels the slightly sweeter taste, or "ex-pression" as the industry calls it, will help boost Scotch sales among women who have traditionally shunned whisky in favour of other tipples.

The marketing ploy is the latest in an increasingly uphill battle to halt the decline of Scotch sales in Britain. Hit by a combination of increased competition, high taxes and more moderate drinking habits, the industry is now going on the offensive to seek a younger, wider target market.

Glenmorangic will take its 12-

year-old Scotch, which is brewed in the traditional casks, and transfer it to port. Madeira or sherry casks for the last two years to give the Scotch a slightly different finish. All three will be priced at £25.

in Edinburgh, said the industry badly needed to "add some razzmatazz" to boost sales.

Glenmorangie's chairman Gcoffrey Maddrell said: "The drinks have very different tastes and we hope they will appeal to women who tended to steer clear of Scotch in the past." Alan Gray, an investment analyst at Sutherland & Partners

John Wakeley, a drinks analyst at Lehman Brothers stockbrokers, questioned the wisdom of targeting women drinkers.
"The trouble is that if you try to feminise a standard product like beer or whisky, you risk alienating the traditional consumer." He added: "You don't need to flavour the damn thing. You just need to teach them [women] to drink it differently, like with Coke."

# Howard punished in each sentence

It was an extraordinary day in the history of English criminal law. Rarely in its history has a serving Lord Chief Justice been so driven to attack a Home Secretary as Lord Taylor of Gosforth did yesterday. Quietly but publicly shredding Michael Howard's proposals for heavier, and mandatory, sentencing, he was heard by a sombre and silent House of Lords aware of

their way yesterday to avoid any suggestion of personal animos-

ity between them. But then the Lord Chief Justo resort to it. ducing minimum sentences

his personal tragedy.

Lord Taylor, who is being forced into premature retirement at the age of 66 through cancer, and Mr Howard, his adversary, both went out of

tice, erect and flanked by his fel-low critics Lord Donaldson and Lord Woolf, who studied very closely one of the worst jail riots in memory, never needed Mr Howard's idea of intro-

without regard to gravity,

consequences or circumstances

"quite simply, must involve a

denial of justice". For Lord Taylor this was an historic moment: "Never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence."

Mr Howard insisted in a radio interview yesterday that his overriding responsibility was to give the ordinary citizens of Britain the protection they needed and deserved from the activities of dangerous and persistent criminals. But from the other end of an unbridgeable chasm, Lord Taylor spoke of the "enormity of the provisions".

By the end of the day, there was little doubt who had won the argument. The function of the court would be subverted by

the proposals, Lord Taylor said. Instead of sentencing according to the justice of each individual case, courts would take sentences off the shelf. In the case of the mandatory imposition of a seven-year sentence on a third-time drug traf-



ficker, it would simply fill our jails with addicts selling small quantities to support their own addiction

Yes, of course, he continued, the Home Secretary was right point out that Parliament could impose a minimum-sentence regime if it wanted. Yes, the compulsory disqualification for drink-driving was a precedent. But - and here came the killer line - "my Lords, I do not think driving a car is a fundamental human right. A licence to drive is a privilege granted by the state on condition that it will be exercised responsibly and safely. Its withdrawal does not seem to me to be in any way analogous with being put in prison for a substantial period".

As to second-time violent and sexual offenders, Mr Howard had highlighted the fact that in 1994, of 217 offenders convicted of a second or subsequent serious violent or sexual offence, only 10 had received life. "He did not say how many the Attorney General had referred to the Court of Appeal as being unduly lenient. Presumably, the Home Secre-tary thinks he should have referred all 207. In fact, he

referred only six." There was a very real public concern that a tiny minority of dangerous criminals could be released when they presented an unacceptable risk. One solution would be to revisit the 1975 Butler Committee for a reviewable sentence. It was not possible to justify doubling the number of life sentences simply by "scarenumber of offenders.

And lastly, who had said this: The Government rejects a rigid statutory framework on the lines of those introduced in the United States or a system

It would also result in more acquittals by juries with more guilty men and women going free unjustly as a result'. "Those words are not mine. They come from a Govern-ment White Paper some five years ago. They are selfevidently wise, fair and just."

of minimum or mandatory life

sentences for certain offences.

With those devastating words Lord Taylor delivered his part-ing shot as Lord Chief Justice of England. He sat down among his colleagues, looking fleetingly exhausted. Whether minds have been changed remains to be seen, but it was a performance the English justice system will

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Beef ban war British demands that the European Union produce an action plan for the lifting of the beef ban look certain to be rejected, despite a government claim yesterday that its noncooperation policy was "al-

ready biting". £23m grant for RADA The Royal Academy of Dramatic Art received nearly £23m from National Lottery cash yesterday.

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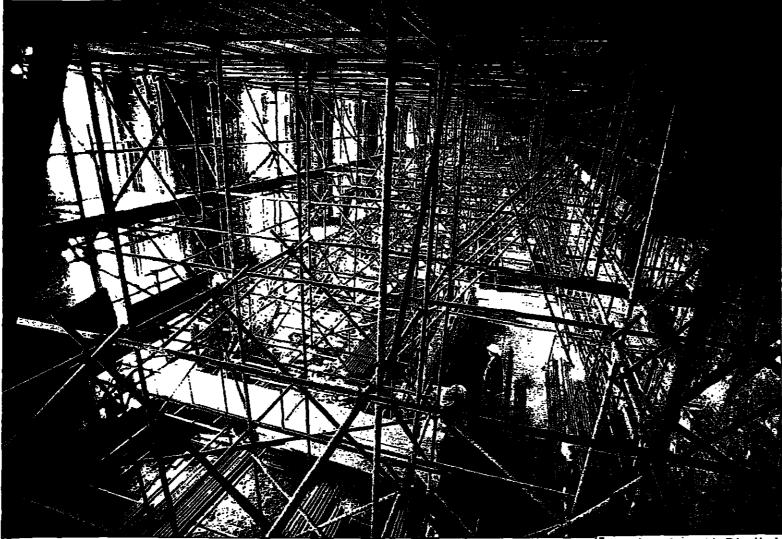
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The first glimpses of restored splendour emerged at Windsor Castle yesterday, amid a jungle of scaffolding and the smell of new wood, four years after fire ravaged some of its most historic rooms, writes Rebecca Fowler.

The castle has almost dried out, only 5 per cent of the 1.5 million gallons of water poured over it remains, and the delicate stage of recreating the state apartments is under way.

Alan Frost, one of the team of architects, said: "This is the largest eastle in the world still occupied; it's the Royal family home; it's the national banqueting hall; and it's also open to the public as a place of heritage. There has been nothing like it on this scale this century.

More than 100 rooms, out of 1,000, were destroyed by the fire in November 1992. Nine state rooms were left unrecognisable, including St George's banqueting hall. The restoration, led by the Duke of Edinburgh, will be completed on time in 1998 and on budget, £40m.



# Taking shape: Scaffolding providing support for Europe in no mood to review beef ban

SARAH HELM and DONALD MACINTYRE

British demands that Europe produce an action plan for the lifting of the beef ban look certain to be rejected, despite a of the ban would be linked to Government claim vesterday that its non co-operation policy was "already biting".

In his Commons statement, John Major called on Europe to produce a "clear framework" under which the ban would be lifted otherwise the non co-operation would continue. However, European Commission officials made clear yesterday no such timetable or framework would be forthcoming.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday the new policy was "biting" and revealed that any minister seeking an exemption would have to take his case to Cabinet ministers for a collective decision.

He also went out of his way to attack Tony Blair despite the Labour leader's pledge "not to undermine it in the interests of the country provided it is measured and fawful and backed by a massive exercise in negotiation

and diplomacy".

Mr Blair said in Rome that "these negotiations have been handled woefully and we would have not started from here. But the Government has embarked on a strategy in which the national interest is engaged and I am certainly not coming here to undermine that."

He said he wanted to assure the Italian government that "the scientific evidence points to the safety of British beef". He said of the British Government's strategy: "Talk of war on Europe is foolish and deeply unhelpful. But if this is, as Kenneth Clarke has described it, a way of exerting pressure to break an impasse by concentrating minds, that is a tactic that oth-

er countries have used." Mr Rifkind said in London that if Mr Blair could not make up his mind on such a crucial issue it was "pretty pathetic". He said Mr Blair had "no alibis for not taking up a clear and unambiguous position".

In Brussels yesterday EU officials made it clear that if Britain chose to take the initiative by producing its own ac-tion plan it could form the basis of discussions. But they warned that the phased lifting new British action, and not to dates plucked from the air.

Britain is being challenged to produce such a programme by 3 June when agriculture ministers meet again in Luxembourg to reconsider the lifting of the ban on semen, tallow and gelatine products. Britain could help ease the

crisis by producing an efficient programme under which meat could once again be exported if could be clearly certified as clear of BSE.

The Commission comments yesterday raise new questions about whether Britain's policy of disruption can do anything to ease the ban, and suggest that only positive new British initiatives can belo.

Extreme doubts continued to be expressed in Brussels yesterday about whether the agriculture ministers will be any more willing to lift the ban on tallow, semen and gelatine than were the standing veterinary committee on Monday.

If no firm agreement is reached on 3 June, the proposal on the partial lifting of the ban will be referred by to the European Commission, who are obliged, under EU procedures, to implement it. Such a move by the Commission would not. however, lead to any further lifting of the ban without the agreed new British programme. British officials in Brussels

yesterday continued its policy of disrupting EU business by blocking a key agreement on how to respond efficiently to major disasters, such as oil spills or earthquakes.

This is an act of petulance. Britain has shot itself in the foot by rejecting this proposal. Big accidents have international consequences and cross border co-operation is essential," said Ken Collins, the Labour chairman of the European Parliament's environment committee.



Douglas Hogg: Facing court



John Major: Wants timetable for lifting of EU export ben



Tony Blair: Negotiations have been handled woefully





# What if... Byitain leaves EU affairs paralysed?

IAN PHILLIPS and IMRE KARACS

The long term result of Britain's strategy over BSE could be to alienate its allies and block progress on issues that are very/ dear to the Government's heart. So far most of Britain's EU partners have reacted in a low-key way, but there are signs that their irritation is growing.

France's minister for Euro pean Affairs, Michel Barnier, warned yesterday that John Major's threats to paralyse negotiations could eventually ob-struct the expansion of the Union to the countries of East-

If the British refuse to ratify an agreement of the Inter-governmental Conference, which is working to revise the Maastricht treaty, "there would be a crisis and the process of expansion, which everybody wishes for, would be blocked", warns Barnier.

The conference, which began its deliberations two months ago, is due to reach a conclusion in a year's time. Barnier sees the fact that the IGC has become entwined with British domestic politics as problematic. but outwardly remains confident a solution will be found. "It is true that this will pose

WILL BENNETT

stock Alliance.

Farmers and abattoir owners

vesterday warned that beef sup-

plies in Britain faced collapse as

they won the right to challenge

the Government's cattle slaugh-ter policy in the High Court. "Very shortly there will be a

very serious beef shortage in the

UK and consumers will start to

see good quality beef evaporate and prices spiral," said Dr Richard North, technical adviser

to the Quality Meat and Live-

farmers, abattoir owners and

butchers, was given leave to seek

a ruling that the Government

order that cattle over 30 months

old must be slaughtered to

eradicate BSE from herds is

invalid and unlawful. If the

coalition wins the case it will

throw the Government's anti-

BSE strategy into chaos and

prevent it from carrying out the

mass slaughter which is seen as payer £550m a year.

The Alliance, a coalition of

a problem", he told the French daily, Le Figaro, "but I don't thin/that a great country like the / nited Kingdom will cut itoff from the rest of Europe.

As Jacques Chirac said in Lonол, 'We need the British' and they need Europe. We shall simply have to convince them that by joining in efforts to deepen the Union, they will not lose their souls:"

In the short-term, however, he believes that any obstruction from the British over the beef embargo will have little effect on talks. "It would not obstruct the negotiations from advancing "he said.
The British position could

simply slow the talks down and Barrier feels that "we should be aware of the process grinding to a halt. There is still a tendency for certain countries to remain inactive", he warned, "and this could be reinforced by the attitude of the United Kingdom". Germany has kept silent so

far over Mr Major's demarche. There will be no comment until the Florence summit," a government spokesman said. We do not want to pour oil on the flames of a domestic dispute," explained Werner Hoyer, the State Secretary at the German Foreign Office.

Mr Hoyer usually acts as Bonn's hard man on matters pertaining to Britain, but yes-

What if... the meat trade

won appeal against cull?

crucial to having the EU export ban lifted.

seems to me there certainly is

an arguable point, although I

express no view whether it will succeed." The full hearing is un-likely to take place before July despite the judge's direction that it should go ahead "as soon as

Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture, did not oppose the application but is expected to challenge it strongly later at

the full hearing. Kenneth Park-er QC, for Mr Hogg, said that

"serious allegations" were be-

ing made that ministerial pow-

ers had been used for an

Under the scheme to slaugh-

ter and incinerate all British cat-

tle over 30 months old some

800,000 cows and 500,000 prime

beef cattle will be killed this

year. According to the Alliance the scheme will cost the tax-

improper purpose.

Mr Justice Carnwath said: "It

terday he was full of praise for London's hitherto "constructive and co-operative" approach to

Behind the wall of silence, however, German officials are frantically looking for ways to defuse the crisis. Bonn is worried that Britain's obstruction will torpedo moves to harmonise the Union's embryonic police force, Europol - a subject close to Chancellor Kohl's heart. If Britain maintains its posture, an agreement that was to have been reached about Europol at next month's European summit in Florence

will be foiled. Most German commentators are familiar with Mr Mafor's domestic problems, and detect a nathetic man hiding behind the bluster. "Actually, Major's threat is less of an aimed - of all places - at Europe," said the Frankfurter Allgemeine under the headline

The English Disease". It is unlikely any help will be forthcoming from Bonn. Germany will not be bending over backwards to rescue Mr Major from the corner he has boxed himself into.

The calculations are longerterm. "All of Europe is waiting for [Major] to be voted out of office," declared the state-run television channel ARD.

Dr North said: "We are try-

ing to save the British public

£550m this year and every year

thereafter until they stop this in-

sanity. That is the value of the

cattle to be slaughtered under the 30-month rule . . . "

ers from having to destroy per-

fectly healthy animals and we

are trying to stop abattoirs and cutting plants from going out of business," said Dr North.

He added: "Roughly we ex-

port £500m worth of cattle

each year. Now we are effec-tively incinerating our export trade. If the ban is lifted there

will be nothing to export."
The Alliance's High Court

action follows a legal challenge

already launched by farmers and

meat exporters against the EU

ban. They will argue that the lat-ter was imposed illegally in an

attempt to allay consumer pan-

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tifically-proven risk to human

We are trying to save farm-

# SIGNACANT SHORTS

ed up his parents' murder has been in prison after less than two years. Mark now inherit his share of their forume, believed eral million pounds.

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Lorbert, son of the late Harry Corbett, who created them.

The company promised that Mr Corbett would continue to work closely with the character in the television series show A Co and a fronting theatre show until 1998.

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"He Carbett commented: "I have worked hand in glove."

"He land in glove."

"He had now it is time for him in stant on his own two feet. The plan is to use my 50th bishday in two years, time as a springboard to shoot Souty Joyrae international standom." Marianne Macdonald

Smitsh schoolboy held captive for a month by the conflictary government in Nigeria was due to be released last night. John-Paul Mokulou, 13, who lives in London with his mailier, was arrested while visiting his failier and office relatives in the west African state.

other relatives in the west Alrican state.

Security forces raided the house he was visiting in Lagos on 25 April, apparently to seize his father, who is believed to be a cousin of the imprisoned former president Major.

General Olosegni Obssanic.

John Paul was kept under arrest in a security service building on the outskirts of Lagos. British diplomats at first reported that he was not being held captive, but after intervention by Glenda Jackson, the boy's MP, they made fresh attempts to locate him. attempts to recate him.

Nigeria was suspended from membership of the Com-

insurealth in November and sanctions were imposed fol-lowing the lianging of human rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa. and eight others from the Ogom tribe. Jason Bametto

Tense's executive director was unfairly sacked but IV is not entitled to compensation because he abused the organisation's trust, an industrial tribanal has ruled. Harold Gale was sacked for gross mischaduct last year after 19 years with the society for people with high IOs when they alteged that he had made thousands of pounds by running like own business from its headquarters.

Mr Gale, 51, from I illustrall, Shropshite, claimed that the Granisation's ruling body knew about Harold Gale. Associates (HGAL), which published Mind Games magazing and sold puzzles to newspapers.

The influsal third that he was unfairly dismissed because of the interasonable way Mense and its chairman, the inventor Sir Clive Sincian handled his sacking Sir Clive said. Tanagagi that it is over. Harold is an old friend and it was a trung line for all of us. We will be looking at our disciplinary precedincts as a result of the tribunal's comments.

Will Bennet.

an 11-year old boy was convicted of killing an elderly ian who had a slab of concrete dropped on her head from the top of a block of flats. The boy's mother burst into tears when the jury of nine women and three men returned their vender restendsy at Leeds Crown Court.

Edna Condie, 74, was returning from shopping with her husband George, 76 and daughter Jamice Smith, 43, when she died in August last year. The case caused widespread shock when it emerged that a young boy was behind the attack. The jury took just 55 minutes to reach their verdict at the east of a four day trial. Mr Justice Potter deferred sententing calling for social service reports. The court heard that Mrs Condie was killed instantly

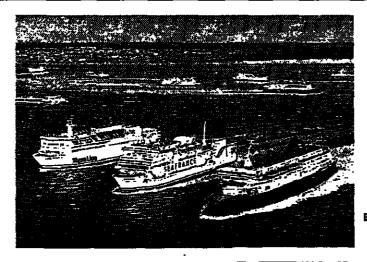
from massive head injuries when the slab, which measured Sins by Sins by Gins, smashed on to her skull. The boy, now aged 11 years and seven mouths, denied manslaughter. P.C.

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# All the world's a stage . . . and now the lottery has made its entrance with £23m for RADA

### Academy will use grant to rendvate buildings, David Lister reports

The best-known drama school in Britain, and probably the said: "RADA has a world-wide world the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, received nearly £23m from the National Lottery

yesterday. The money will be used to re-Bloomsbury, central London, to buy two neighbouring proper-ties and put the latest theatre technology into the RADA theatre where students demonstrate their talents to the paymg public and to agents seeking

The list of graduates is a rollcall of the biggest names in acting. It includes Lord (Richard) Attenborough - who is now chairman of RADA - Sir John Gielgud, Penelope Keith, Glenda Jackson, Albert Finney, Peter O Toole and Kenneth Branagh.

The institution has not generally been thought of as one in urgent need of cash; and its facilities and teaching standards lave continued to be sufficient to recruit and produce the leading talents of successive

generations. But the principal of RADA, Nicholas Barter, said the academy "desperately needed" to upgrade its facilities. It has been at the same site since it was founded in 1904. "RADA was hit by a bomb in 1942 and has never really had the funds to recover itself," he said.

'Our students have lived in very bad conditions for years. The lottery cash is a tremendous

Mr Barter said any accusations that the grant was a windfall for "luvvies" would be misplaced. "We're drawing people in from all over the country - we hold auditions in Manchester, Nottingham, Newcastle and Belfast.

"It's not in any way an inwards-looking institution, we're drawing new blood into the theatre and we're looking for people from homes across the social spectrum.

"You'll find as many regional accents at RADA as you find on television. "We're a British institution and an international one - our short courses attract people from 14 different coun-

The academy, which charges students £6,930 a year and receives no government funding, won an £850,000 lottery grant last summer to design and plan

the major project. Lord Gowrie, chairman of dation.

reputation for the quality of the performers and stage techni-

"The Arts Council is delighted to support, through a lotfurbish the RADA building in tery award, the refurbishment and renovation of the buildings.

"Significant improvements to both the teaching facilities and the performance spaces will ensure that succeeding gen-erations of actors and actresses remain at the top of the world league like the present

generation."
RADA has 30 places available each September, even though some students must pay their own hefty tuition fees -more than £20,000 over three

The number and amount of discretionary grants from local authorities have been cut in recent years.

Students train from 10am to 6pm each day, and may have individual classes or perfor-

mances in the evening.

Lord Attenborough said he
was "thrilled and delighted" at the good news. We have al-ready raised £2m privately towards our required partnership funding and need to raise a further £6m over the next three

These major sums of money will be devoted to the training of young people from all over the United Kingdom. Each has the potential to become one of the stars of to-

morrow.' The trainees were selected purely on merit and drawn from every walk of life, he said. "The vast majority cannot afford to live in London and pay for their tuition.

also unable to obtain grants from their local education authorities - unlike fine arts, music and university students who quality automatically."

RADA was setting up a scholarship fund so that no outstanding talent would ever be turned away, he said.

The Serpentine Gallery, in London, chaired by the former Arts Council charman Lord Palumbo, also received a lottery award yesterday. It got £3m from the Arts Council to help fund a refurbishment programme to improve visitor fa-cilities, disabled access, air-conditioning, security and behind-the-scenes accommo-



Grant aid: Students taking a break yesterday outside RADA's theatre, in central London Photograph: Peter Macdiarmid

health service, the consequence

of voting for John Major and

ending up with Michael Portillo as Prime Minister. The main

point of negative advertising

According to David Butler's Nuffield College analysis of the 1992 election, the most ef-

fective poster used the image of

a flying bomb to dramatise the

impact of Labour expenditure proposals with "LABOUR'S TAX BOMBSHELL". Mr But-

ler commented: "Even if none

of these advertisements affect-

ed voters directly, they encap-

sulated the main campaign

themes of both parties."

here was to generate fear."



ALBERT FINNEY (above) I fett awkward, clumsy, unattractive and incapable of showing anyone a good time, since I couldn't even buy my way into their favours. I didn't feel that I was a find at all.

I were done for ABH when I were a student there. Me and a mate were looking for a party one Friday night. Someone tried to shut the door on me and I ended up whacking him a couple of times. got fined £50.

SHEILA HANCOCK

It was a bit like a finishing school then, full of rich aristocrats. I spent the whole time with a bone prop in my mouth to open my vowels. I was made to feel very inadequate.

PETER BOWLES

You were prepared for classical work and so you were expected to speak with a middle class voice. I was on a scholarship and I had to do whatever I was told so I got rid of the accent.

JANE HORROCKS (below) RADA was brill. Drama school is cushy, you get a grant, you try out a good range of parts, but then suddenly you are



and in New Labour's new offices

near Westminster are confi-

dent, very confident, they will

make no mistakes this time. One adviser shown the McCann

campaign appeared delighted

enough to grab pen and paper,

take notes, and squeal with

In the Tory camp, confidence

comes from another perspec-

tive. One young classicist said:

"We are immune from attack. Tony Blair has adopted our policies, so how can he attack

us?" Another said: "If Blair says

he will be fairer than us, good

people don't vote for fair."

another Tory advertising con-

sultant said agencies were al-ways being accused of trying to

sell politics like soap powder.

"Look, we've all got used to

ing will appear on BBC1's

in defence of his profession,

## Fiancee relives 'road rage' attack

PETER VICTOR

The girlfriend of a motorist stabbed to death in a "road rage" attack by another driver told yesterday how she begged the assailant to spare her boyfriend's life.

Speaking for the first time since the killing, Danielle Ca-ble, 17, broke down in tears as she told how the killer ignored her pleas and how her boyfriend Stephen Cameron died begging her to help him.

Danielle said she asked pass ing drivers to help as Mr Cameron was attacked last Sunday - but they all turned their backs on her pleas.

Ms Cable, a waitress, said: 'We went to get some bagels. Steve wanted me to drive so we drove up the road and a car came from nowhere. "I had to brake sharply. We

stopped at traffic lights and the other driver got out of the car. Steve got out to see what he wanted and he hit Steve. "I got out and begged him not to hurt him. I was begging the

other drivers to help. Everyone just ignored me." She said that after her boyfriend had been stabbed, she held him in her arms. "Steve

called out 'Get the number

plate'. "He just looked at me. There was blood going everywhere. He was just looking at me and said 'Please help me', and there was nothing I could do. I was trying to get him to stay with me but it was just too late."

Danielle, who travelled to London yesterday with her parents Jim and Mandy, from Swanley, Kent, was being comforted by her father as she relived the tragedy.

She said the killer had said

nothing during the attack and when asked to describe the man, Danielle said: "He is a monster.

She added: "This man has destroyed my life because Steve was my life.

Reliving her fiancee's last moments, she said she felt threatened as she got out of the car to help.

pleading with him not to hurt Steve. I couldn't go near him because I thought he'd hurt me. "Steve was trying to kick the

ing at me to say 'stay back'."

The 17-year-old waitress from St Mary Cray, Orpington. said the attacker never said a word throughout the ordeal.

knife out of his hand and look-

She said she had screamed for help from passing motorists. but to no avail. They just sat in their cars and didn't do any-

thing,
"He was everything to me. We loved each other so much. We couldn't wait to get married. We were going to get a house together soon and were buying

things for the house." Asked what she would remember most about Steve. Danielle wiped her eyes and said: "The way he looked at me and the way he always told me

he loved me. "I just wish he had stabbed me as well, so I could have died with him and we could still be

together. Danielle appealed to anyone with information to come for-ward and help catch the killer. She said: "If they've got any small detail they can remember,

just phone up." Referring to a television broadcast of her interview scheduled to be transmitted tonight, she said: "I just hope he is watching this now and looking at my face, remember-ing that I was pleading with him not to kill the person I loved more than anything.

"He just looked at me like I

### Creating fear and loathing on the campaign trail Rubbishing the opposition will be the spin doctors' most potent weapon in the run-up to an election

During the 1864 presidential election, Abraham Lincoln was variously described as a filthy story-teller, a despot, a liar, a buffoon, a braggart, a monster. a perjurer, a robber, a swindler and a tyrant. John Major and Tony Blair may well reflect on such vicious campaigning as our own election draws close. Advertising agencies are con-

vinced that we are heading for a dirty election, fought out on TV and, already, on advertising hoardings. These posters give us a taste of what may be in store. MC Saatchi and BMP DDB

Needam are the two advertising agencies respectively responsible for the Conservative and Labour campaigns. Detailed briefings between the parties' campaign teams and agency account executives have already taken place.

In addition, producers of the BBC's On the Record programme have had off-therecord chats with Labour and Conservative officials and subsequently briefed the advertis- record as Governor of Massaing agency McCann-Erickson

on the parties' campaign ideas, with a view to devising mock ad-

vertising strategies. David Warden, chairman of

McCann-Erickson, who handled the "Conservative account", believes the poor poll position of the Tories leaves them no choice. "We understand they would like to deliver positive messages. But they know it - and we know - negative campaigning works. It's easier and more effective to attack your opponent. Defending your own record, warts and ail, is too vulnerable."

Mr Warden, who worked in the United States for 18 years, thinks British political advertising is now standing at a line. To cross would mean the highly personal attacks, seen in recent US presidential campaigns against Gary Hart and Michael Dukakis. Focusing on Hart's as-sociation with Donna Rice ended his big chance. And when George Bush's camp chose to concentrate on Dukakis's chusetts, wrongly claiming that



COM 愛Labour Public image: A mock poster for the Labour Party, devised by McCann Erickson

Dukakis had approved weekend eave for killers and rapists like Willie Horton, that ended Dukakis's hopes. As one American analyst put it: "Even if mud doesn't stick, it leaves a mark."

Choosing not to cross the line just yet, McCann's ideal Tory campaign began with a single starting point. "People who've said they won't vote Tory this

time, people who say they are mad as hell: they need to be confronted with a moment of truth and asked 'Can I really do this, vote Labour?'," said Mr Warden. The theme running through the Tory poster cam-paign aims to "show Labour's

true colour as still red". Those working on the two briefs at McCann discovered it

was far easier to knock the Conservatives. Ev Jenkins, director of account planning, organised the Labour adverts. "Reminders of 17 years of Tory government provide the best deterrent against voting them back," she said. The word "CON" provided the campaign link. There were posters on tax contradictions, a condemned

if not written down, it is accepted that Mrs Thatcher wanted a partially positive campaign in 1987. Saatchi's "Labour isn't working" poster was a classic of its kind. The Iron Lady wanted a positive classic. One insider said "We gave her one positive poster about her success. But at the bottom we couldn't resist writing in "Don't let Labour

In Tory Central Office, even

New Daz and New Persil. And we're being offered New Labour. And yes, we will be nasty about that. And if we win? Tony Blair will need New Improved Labour, easy as that." A report on negative cam-On The Record on Sunday.

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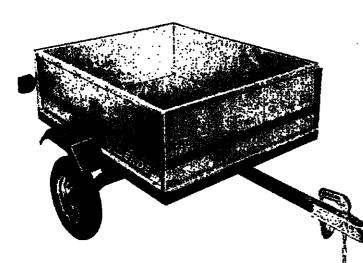
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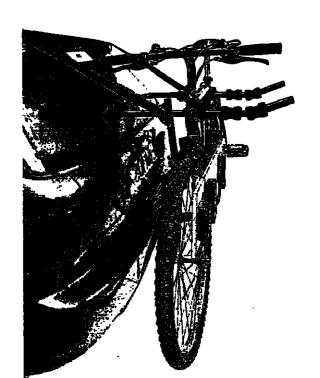
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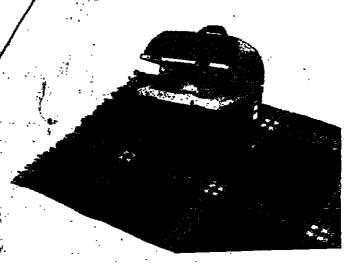


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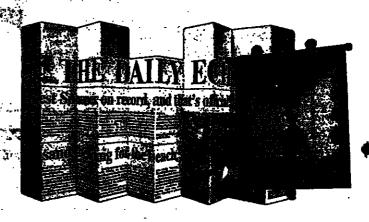
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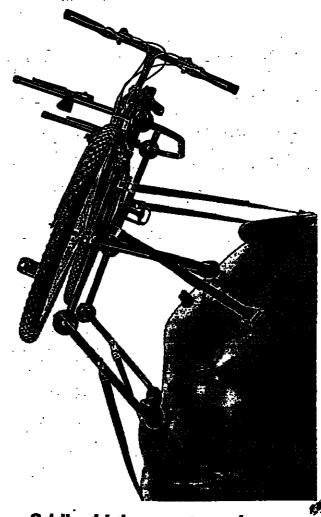
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# faces cuts to finance digital TV

### MATHEW HORSMAN

The BBC plans swingeing budget cuts of 30 per cent over five years in its news and current affairs operation, in order to fi-nance the launch of digital TV

a series of briefings this week, provoked sharp criticism from journalists and production employees, who feared the cuts would lead to compulsory redundancies and declining quality in the BBC's core news

"This will spell bad news for the BBC's schedule, including Panorama and other flagship programmes," warned one se-

But the BBC defended the cuts, which will help pay for the introduction of a new 24-hour news channel. "We are now entering a very competitive age, with more competition from specialist channels," a BBC news and current affairs spokesman said. "It's a question of survival."

He refused to rule out comstressed that the corporation would retrain staff to operate more efficiently in the digital

age.
Virtually all parts of the current budget of £190m will be affected, staff were told. Newsgathering will see its funding frozen over five years, resulting in a 15 per cent reduction in real terms, after anticipated

Production operations will see the deepest cuts, following the introduction of new technology that will allow journalists to prepare programmes at a digital work- the final item. That approach is

icient and we must be able to deliver even more program- local ne

ming on a restrained budget,'

The cuts are the first sign of the price the BBC will pay to in-troduce its ambitious blueprint for the digital age, unveiled earlier this month.

In addition to the new 24hour news channel, the corpo-The news, confided to staff in ration promised extended services, subscription channels and improved sound and picture

> Announcing the new services, John Birt, the BBC's director-general, conceded that the high costs of going digital would have to be met partly through what he called "increased efficiency. It is expected that other sections of the BBC will also be asked to cut their budgets in anticipation of the move to digital TV.

The BBC's all-news channel is believed to be budgeted at about £15m a year, about half the amount spent by Sky News. "With this kind of money, there will be more interviews and far less reporting and analysis," a senior broadcast journalist claimed last night.

It is not yet clear whether pulsory redundancies, but there is a demand for 24-hour BBC TV news. Radio Five Live features round-the-clock news, with a strong emphasis on

> The BBC's news operations have already undergone radical changes, following the introduction of the so-called "bimedia" approach, whereby journalists file for both radio and TV.

There was fear last night

that the additional cuts could lead to greater use of "video" nalist conducts the interview, operates the camera, and edits widely used by low-budget ca-"We must be more eff- ble stations such as Channel One, which concentrate on

# BBC news Good manners: It's just not cricket any more



haviour to the elderly, or even

### LOUISE JURY

In the old days, a gentleman al-ways knew where he stood with a lady. He would walk on the outside of the pavement, doff

his cap and give up his seat. Today, however, Britain is be-coming ever ruder. And the decline in manners may be an even greater problem than crime, according to a book published by a right-wing think-tank today. Its authors claim loutishness

on the streets, slovenly and aggressive dress, cheating sportsmen and parents aping the style of teenagers point to a crisis in manners which is having a destructive effect on social order.

And they argue that "chimsy codes of political correctness are no replacement for old-fashioned good manners" when it comes to "civilising men's treatment of women, the young's be-

smokers' treatment of non-Dr Digby Anderson, the director of the Social Affairs

Unit and the book's editor, said: "Though bad manners are apparently trivial, they occur far more frequently than crime, making everyday life unpredictable, uneasy and

greater equality of the sexes, the widespread wearing of casual clothes and the professionalisation of cricket for the decline. Rachel Trickett, the former principal of St Hugh's College, Oxford, argues that feminists have wrongly derided the posi-

tion of the word "lady". She said: "When courtesy disap-He and the other writers in Gentility Recalled: 'Mere' Manners and the Making of Social Or-der, blame trends like the pears, a condition of primitivism prevails. . . (Then) men will inevitably prevail for the simple biological reason that they are stronger. . . Women. without some code of deference or respect, become increasing-

Athena S. Leoussi sees the "utilitarian attitude to dress"

What makes for good etiquette in the Nineties

A young woman stood up on the Underground and offered quie, says road rage is the most bier sear to an elderly lady. "Oh, obvious example of lousy mandon't worry, my dear," the pensioner replied, "You must the 94-year-old author of romantic fiction, is appalled when the sexism when it home?

Rosie Boycott, editor of Estorn of the Polite Society, is surprised when people "deliber ately dress down" at social functions.

Por men, is possible rudeness worse than sexism when it home?

comes to door-opening? Is there an etiquette for answerveal who they have bedded. phones and e-mail?

The code is evolving. Ms Boycott says there should be a

queries they get now are of the what do you do about sleeping

epitomised by the introduction

of "denim trousers" as leading

to the "cultural impoverish-

ment of everyday life". Wearing

gym clothes to the supermarket Real respect came in accepting is a "moral transgression". diversity in a caring society. Meanwhile, the profession-This seems to be another example of looking to a golden age that never was," she said. alism of sports like cricket is undermining its "civilising ethos" Lord Young of Durtington. founder of the Consumers' As-

sociation and a recent father at 80, was incensed by the authors' argument that a refusal of old people to act their age had contributed to the problem. "Their view is the conventional view of an ageist bureaucratic world which requires everyone to fit into certain moulds," he said.

Photograph: John Lawrence

Kath Davies, of the Women's

National Commission, said the

ideas were "pernicious" and a

divergence from real issues.

Many agreed that manners were not what they had been. The Duke of Devonshire, patron-in-chief of the Polite Society, said it was "depressing" and be deplored it. "But I have



# Patrick Cargill, always a perfect gentleman, dies

known to millions for his role in the hit television series Father, Dear Father died early yesterday, his agent said. He was 77. He died peacefully in his sleep.

In a society where distinc-

tions of age are becoming as

Cargill had a long and illustrious career on stage and in television and cinema, and also

which he played a man strug-gling to raise two teenage girls alone, ran for five years from the late 1960s.

men do not open the door for

her and horrified when they re-

He also played the doctor in Tony Hancock's classic halfhour sketch The Blood Donor. He never married, but one of his

The actor Patrick Cargill, wright. Father, Dear Father, in Wives Of Patrick. Often in his Carry On Nurse - and he played Nimmo. Mr Nimmo said yesearly career he was cast as the villain - in Top Secret, The Avengers and The Prisoner. Later he played the hero, but always a smooth gentleman with a world-wary air and a flair for

His play Ring For Catty was

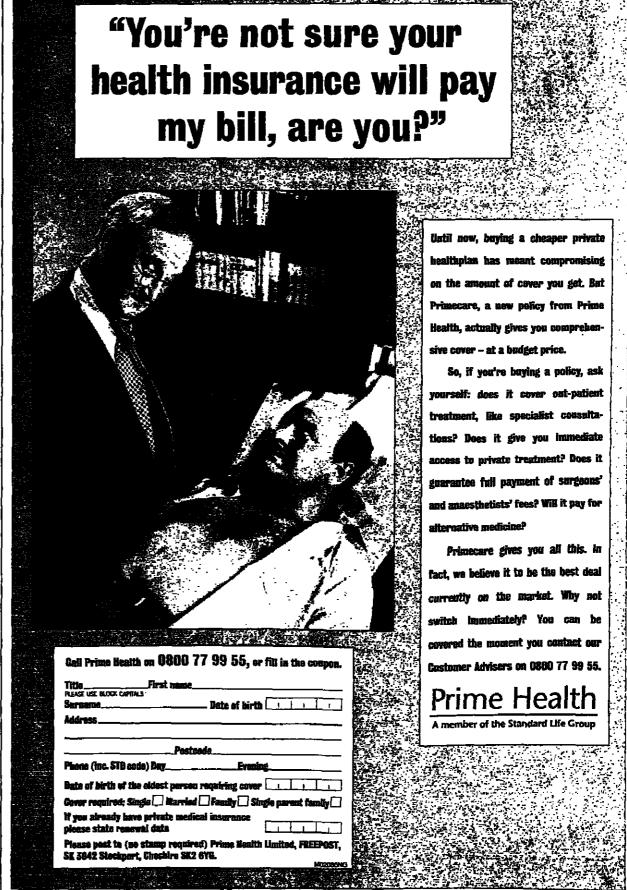
in the Carry On films too. Cargill's health had been vuldown by a car in Australia at the end of last year, she said. In recent years he had been

working for British Airways Playbouse, an international

terday: "He was a most accomplished actor. He could nerable since he was knocked extract a laugh from thin air. Anywhere in the world, whether Hong Kong or Bangkok, he would get a round of applause on his entrance, which was only



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Changes in education: NUT steps up pressure over primary league tables as teachers refuse to exclude a violent pupil

# Governors urged to break law on results

Pressure on school governors to break the law by boycotting school league tables for 11year-olds intensified yesterday as Britain's biggest teaching

union launched a campaign for non-co-operation. The National Union of Teachers is writing to 14,000 chairmen of governing bodies, asking them to withhold the results of the tests, which took place last week. The move is bound to strengthen the position of the National Association of Head Teachers, whose members hope to persuade gover-nors to disrupt the publication

By law, both heads and governors have to co-operate in providing the test results to in the Tory party.

the Department for Education and Employment by the end of July. The unions argue that while heads could face the sack if they boycott the new league tables, ministers would be unlikely to take legal action against governors.

Both teachers and governors protested when Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, announced in February that there would be league tables for 11 year-olds in spring 1997. Just 10 days earlier, she had said that the tests needed more time to "bed down" before their results were

published. Yesterday Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that Mrs Shephard had caved in to pressure from right-wingers

number of schools [boycotting the tests], she would be very pleased, as she would be able to go to the Cabinet and say that

she got it right.
"Any huffing and puffing about the law would be fairly empty - these are the people that they want to continue as

governors," he said. The two national governors' associations have been divided over the proposed boycott. The National Association of Governors and Managers has advised its members not to break the law, but the National Governors' Council has written to Mrs Shephard asking her to abandon the tables and seeking

an urgent meeting. Its vice chairman, Jack Morrish, said no one was looking for an excuse to break the law but

"If there was a significant added that previous test boycotts had not led to any legal action against schools. "We have to recognise that there was that

precedent," he said.

Mrs Shephard said she had no intention of reversing her decision to publish results of the tests, which took place last week. "Parents and the wider public have a right to be able to compare the performance of schools," she said in a statement.

Mrs Shephard said she had changed her mind because of evidence that 11-year-olds were underachieving. The results of last year's tests showed that only about half of the age group reached a standard which should stretch them in English and maths, and the Chief Inspector of Schools had noted a dip in achievement in the later primary years, she added.



Term time: Graham Cram returning to school after successfully appealing against his expulsion Photograph: News Team

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# Teachers of Cram. boy 'not to act' on other violent pupil

Teachers who threatened to strike over a boy who hit a mem-ber of staff are unlikely to take action over a child who attacked another pupil, it emerged yesterday, writes Fran Abrams. The two boys, 13 year-old

Graham Cram and a 14-yearold who has not been named, were both expelled from Hebburn Comprehensive in South Tyneside and were both reinstated by an appeals panel.

In the first case, Graham, who allegedly kicked a teacher, was allowed back to school earlier this month but taught in isolation after staff threatened industrial action. Governors are due to meet to discuss the second case, but the boy is expected to return to lessons.

Yesterday the general secre-tary of the union which threat-

teacher.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT), said that the law might not recognise action in defence of pupils as a legitimate

trade dispute.
"The staff at the school haven't actually come to us requesting any industrial action because this was pupil-on-pupil violence. The kid involved didn't disrupt his class.

"Although in many cases we would like to take action to defend pupils, we need to be certain that the law would allow us

The two cases have caused anger among both teachers and parents. Margaret Morrissey, spokeswoman for the National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations, said the protection of pupils was just as important as that of teachers.

I would hope the NASUWT or any other union would take this just as seriously it does when a pupil attacks a teacher. We will look with interest to see what its reaction will be.

The school's head teacher, Madelaine Watson, was not available for comment yesterday. Disruptive, pupils usually blame their classmates for their ened to strike said staff were behaviour, according to reunlikely to take action over the search published yesterday. Insecond boy because he had at-tacked a numil rather than a carried out by the National Foundation for Educational Research revealed that most felt either that they had been goaded into bad behaviour or that they did it to impress their friends. Bad relationships with teachers, boring lessons, family problems and bullying were also mentioned as causes. The research officer in charge of the project, Kay Kinder, said vocational courses which might be more relevant to these pupils

could help to improve their

TEER EXHIBIT

## **Ex-soldier** jailed for life after 'gay hatred' attack

JOJO MOYES

A former soldier who warned that gay men would never be safe from him was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday, for the attempted murder of a man who picked him up in a bar.

George Rees, was left with a "festering hatred" of homosexuals after he suffered homosexual rape and was "bullied, tortured and abused" during his career in the Blues and Royals Cavalry Regiment, the court

Passing sentence, Judge Richard Hawkins QC, said the "very dangerous" 39-year-old squaddie was motivated by "homophobia and a desire to steal".
"You said you were quite prepared to kill as many gay men as possible," he said, adding that prison authorities should bear in mind medical reports show-

ing that Rees posed a threat to

other prisoners. As he was led from the dock, Rees, who pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted murder, smiled at the judge and said: "Perhaps I will be out in time for Manchester City to come back to the Premier League.

Thank you. Have a nice day." The court had heard that Rees, who left the army in 1972, met Tony Grundy in a bar in central London last October. Over drinks they "discussed homosexuality and the former soldier's experiences in the Army", said Peter Kyte OC, prosecuting. Mr Grundy then in-

vited him back to his luxury flat. Under the "plain impression" they were going to have sex, Mr Grundy began leading

the way to the bedroom when he felt the point of a knife in his back. Rees, originally from Moss Side, Manchester, stripped and bound Mr Grandy and goaded him about his sexuality before stabbing him

Holding the knife to his jugular, he told his victim: "You are bleeding to death. You won't die yet - you have 20 minutes. Your only chance is to give me cash.

After Rees left with his valuables, Mr Grundy managed to stagger to a neighbour's flat to raise the alarm. He lost four pints of blood and gave police graphic account of "feeling bubbles in his breathing", but he was saved by emergency

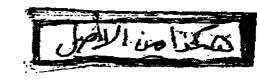
Rees, already on the run from a six-and-a-half year robbery sentence, was arrested shortly afterwards and immediately confessed. He was "stunned" to hear Mr Grundy was still alive, as he had been

aiming for the heart". In a statement, Rees said: "In my heart of hearts I had done something which I knew had been coming for a long, long time. After the stabbing I felt a great sense of relief. He epitomised everything I had gone

through 20 years ago."

He told police he had also wanted to kill actor and gay activist Michael Cashman for his campaign to end the ban on homosexuals in the armed forces.

"It was very worrying, especially as the police said they believed he had every intention of carrying out his threat," Mr bman said afterthe hearing.



# Lessons with a logo 'tainted by advertising'

**DOUL HIIDUL** Education Editor

Businesses are targeting pupils with educational packs which are biased, plastered with company logos and encourage children to eat unhealthy food, a survey from the National Consumer Council claims.

The council says there has been an explosion of commercially sponsored resources for schools in the last few years around 5,000 for technology alone - with industry spending about £300m a year.

It is issuing new guidelines for teachers, governors and parents after finding a worrying number of flaws in educational packs.

The survey showed: ■ Some firms are using sponsored material to persuade pupils to eat unhealthy food;

Others are plastering their name and logos all over the ma-

Some are using the materials to extol the virtues of their own products;

■ Some fail to mention basic arguments against their activities. Cadbury's World of Chocolate resource pack for 11 to 12-yearolds says: "Chocolate is fun to eat at any time of the day and gives you energy and important

A Halifax Building Society pack on personal finance for school students is "a very useful resource" but says: "a Halifax Cardcash account is ideal if you're working part-time."

Energy and the Environment, from British Nuclear Fuels Ltd fails to mention "the one key drawback of nuclear waste, that it takes up to hundreds of thousands of years or more to decay

and become safe. Materials from the Meat and Lifestock Commission contain no recipes which do not use meat and includes "Ideas for turning pizzas into Meatzas".

£1,000 and £1,500,

In a Kellogg's pack providing Partnership. It addresses key lively activities on health, Kellogg's is the only brand-named lum and covers areas such as product in the illustration.

Voucher schemes for computers and schoolbags run by Tesco's and Sainsbury's respectively "reward schools where parents are pestered to shop - in particular, supermarkets." They disadvantage pupils who do not live near a super-

market.

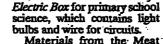
David Hatch, the council's chairman, said commerciallysponsored teaching packs could be invaluable at a time when school funds were scarce but argued for a debate on "the rising tide of US-style com-mercialism in our classrooms to ensure commercial sponsorship does not take the place of state funding for core education

In America, he said, pupils were bombarded with advertisements throughout the day, sometimes on compulsory television programmes which included advertising. "We want to protect British classrooms from these excesses. The classroom should be a place of learning, not a free-for-all for business interests."

A spokesman for the Halifax said: "The educational value of our materials for schools far out-weighs any advertising benefits to us. There is a high take-up

by schools of the pack."
Tesco's said: "The computer vouchers are an added bonus issued for every £25 spent in a single transaction. Tesco only sends schools information packs to schools in areas where there is a high percentage of Tesco shoppers. Therefore parents are already highly likely to shop at a Tesco store.

Cadbury's said: "Our resource pack has been compiled in close conjunction with a number of teachers along with the Birmingham Education



lum and covers areas such as

maths, science, geography and history in an interesting format." However, The council does

commend Eastern Electricity's

Materials from the Meat Livestock Commission and the Food and Drink Federation are praised for including pictures of children from different races, while the Sugar Bureau produces information warning that too much sugar can contribute to tooth decay.



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Crime debate: In his final speech, Lord Chief Justice says proposals for minimum sentences are based on 'flimsy evidence'

# Lord Taylor warns against Howard's plans

"Never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward onthe strength of such flimsy and dubious evidence." the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of

Gosforth, told peers yesterday. Lord Taylor, who is retiring because he is suffering from cancer, used his final speech in the Upper House to warn of the 'very grave consequences" if the Government enacted its plans for minimum sentences for repeat offenders.

Opening a debate on the Home Secretary's White Paper, Protecting the Public, which proposes minimum sentences for persistent burglars, drug dealers and rapists, he said: The shallow and untested figures in the White Paper do not describe fairly and clearly the problems the Government seeks to address still less do they justify the rad-

ical 'solutions' it proposes.' In a blunt appeal to Michael Howard to think again, he said: \*Quite simply, minimum sentences must involve a denial of

"It cannot be right for sen-tences to be passed without regard to the gravity, frequency, consequences or other circumstances of the offending.

To sentence a burglar auto-matically to a minimum of three years on a third conviction is to take no account of whether he is before the court for only three offences or 30, whether they in-volved sophisticated planning or drunken opportunism ...

"To impose a minimum sentence of seven years on those

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convicted for the third time of trafficking in prescribed drugs will simply fill our prisons with addicts who sell small quantities to support their own addiction."

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He said the "escape clause" - allowing the court to depart from the tariff in exceptional cases - would be the "worst of both worlds". It subverted the function of

according to the justice of each He mocked Mr Howard's

in 1994 had not led to life sentences. "Presumably, the Home Secretary thinks [the Attorney General) should have referred all 207 ... to the Court of Appeal as being unduly lenient. In fact he referred only six. The problem is therefore nothing like as great as the White Paper makes out," he said.

Lord Taylor quoted with relish from a 1990 White Paper which said: "The Government rejects ... a system of minimum or mandatory life sentences for certain offences" because "more guilty men and women" would go free.

In debate, only one peer -Tory Baroness Rawlings - defended Mr Howard's plans as the House united to pay fulsome tributes to Lord Taylor, who will be succeeded today by Sir Thomas Bingham. Sir Thomas will in turn be succeeded as Master of the Rolls by the law lord Lord Woolf.

Lord Lester of Herne Hill, a QC on the Liberal Democrat the court, which was to sentence front bench, told Lord Taylor: "You will be recognised by future generations as the greatest Lord Chief Justice of this century."



Lord Taylor: Succeeded today by Sir Thomas Bingham, he yesterday appealed for a rethink on sentence tariffs

Photograph: Geraint Lewis

posals would "not deter but would actually encourage crime". Lord Taylor prompted Lord Williams of Mostyn, Labour's spokesman in the Lords, to attack the Home Secretary's plans more aggressively than Jack

tory sentences as "a perversion of justice". Lord Carr of Hadley, Conservative former Home Secretary led a succession of five Tory ex-Home Office ministers who Straw, Labour's spokesman in the Commons. "Sentencing in a civil society should be flexijoined senior judges and the op-position in demanding a rethink, with "very, very substantial al-

He claimed Mr Howard's pro- ble," Lord Williams declared, terations" to the White Paper. Lord Belstead, who was also leader of the Tories in the Lords, Lord Windlesham, Lord Cartisle and Lord Elton agreed. Several of Mr Howard's proposals had

direct American origins, Lord Windlesham said, and America ence are listened to.

He urged: "If we want to to Lord Taylor, before deliver-roid the adverse consequences ing a low-key defence of the avoid the adverse consequences Home Secretary's position. of similar policies introduced for similar reasons in the United States, I suggest to the Gov-ernment that the voices of those who do have first-hand experi-

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, winding up the debate, also paid tribute

He said he admired the clarity of judgments and the courage Lord Taylor had shown over the last few "sad" weeks. Lord Mackay said it was right that the Government should respond to public con-

# warned over letting drug companies run patient services

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The NHS would be behaving like a turkey voting for Christmas" and for its own privatisation if it strikes deals with drug companies allowing them to run patient services, a leading doctor warned yesterday. The alert came as Stephen

Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, is considering allowing NHS Trusts and GPs to strike "disease management" deals with pharmaceutical firms. Under the agreements, the companies would provide anything from an asthma service to, at the extreme, a complete can-

Dr Harry Burns, director of runs out next month. A De-

public health medicine at the Greater Glasgow Health Board, said the move raised ethical issues and would have profound implications for the NHS. Having banned such deals in 1994, Mr Dorrell has now issued a working paper setting out a framework under which they

partment of Health spokesman said no decision had been taken, but the paper makes clear Mr Dorrell's interest.

Dr Burns warned, however. that the packages could be a ploy to ensure a company's products were used in preference to a competitors, or to centres and packages for asthover their business. It would be cheaper generic drugs. Single-ma, diabetes, epilepsy and high privatisation of health care." may be permitted when the ban cheaper generic drugs. Singlecheaper generic drugs. Single ma, diabetes, epilensy and high disease management risked los blood pressure, aiming to pay

ing co-ordinated care where patients had more than one illness, and drug companies in the UK while "highly competent, ethical and well-managed" have "no track record in the provision of health care".

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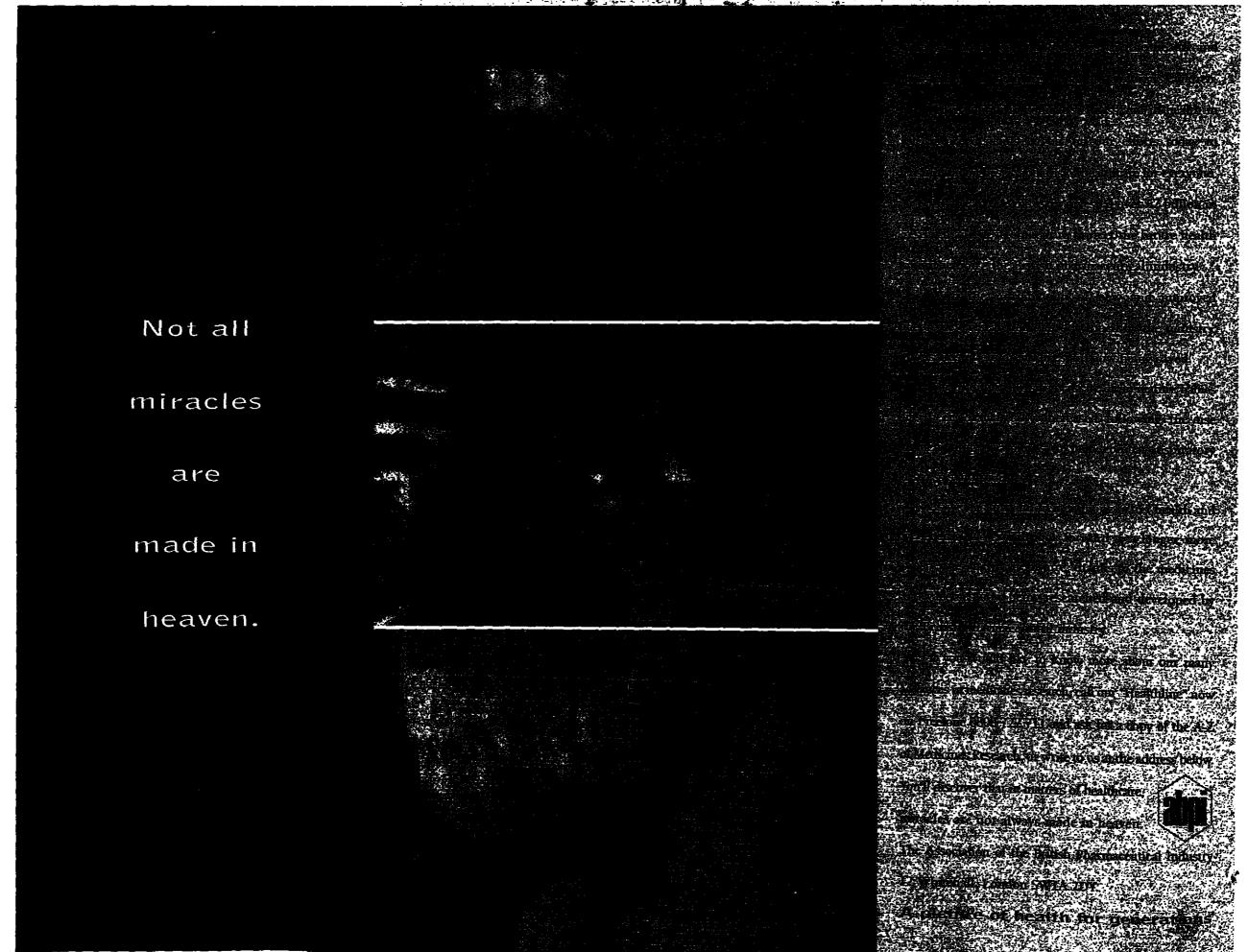
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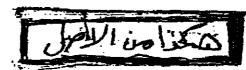
for the service from savings from unnecessary admissions. Dr Burns stressed he had no ideological objection, but "if the NHS does this, it should do so with eyes fully open to the consequences. Trusts would be letting private companies take

ment guidelines and other areas in which the pharmaceutical industry is interested would be handing over the areas essen-tial to delivering cost-effective care, he said. The likely result would be "like turkeys voting for Christmas"

Contracting out care man-paper attempts to answer the open to public scrutiny.

agement, data analysis, treat- criticisms by saying any deals must take into account other conditions from which the pa-tient suffers. Doctors would have to remain free to prescribe any drug, and not be restricted over where they were treated. Data collected from patients should remain confidential and The Department's working services should be published and





### news

# Police set to adopt CS sprays after trial

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Police officers in England and Wales are set to be armed permanently with CS sprays after initial findings from trials con-cluded the device is a "success".

About 2,500 officers in 16 forces were issued with the sprays at the beginning of March as part of a six-month trial. Police chiefs hoped they would help stem the rising number of injuries against officers sustained on duty.

Opponents of the spray have argued that it has dangerous side-effects and has not been properly tested.

In the first two months, sprays were used on 131 occasions and were drawn but not fired in another 174 incidents.

A report carried out for the Association of Chief Police Officers' (Acpo) self-defence subcommittee concludes that there has been a positive response from patrol officers to the incapacitant. It is understood that the study found no longterm medical problems from using the spray. In no case has a doctor needed to recommend further medical treatment beyond the initial aftercare. The report also says people are recovering from the effects of the CS within minutes, which

the experts had predicted. CS spray takes immediate effect and causes streaming to the eyes and nose, eyelids spasms, breathing difficulties, and in some cases blistering to

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A final decision will be made at the end of the six-month trial, but police sources said chief constables were increas-

should be adopted nationally. They have pointed to a grow-ing number of incidents in which the spray, or the threat of it, has been useful in dealing

with violent offenders. An example occurred a week after the trials began. Police were called to a disturbance in which a 23-year-old man had barricaded himself into his room in Forest Gate, east London, after threatening his family with a chisel.

When police officers tried to talk to him he lunged at them with a spear before setting fire to his room. The officers used to spray to disarm him and get him out of the burning building. News that the police believe the sprays are a valuable addition

to their armoury will cause concern to civil-liberty groups. Early this month Liberty called for the trials to be halted after it accused the police of breaching the guidelines cov-ering the use of the spray.

They highlighted two cases.
One in March involved a man who died in police custody in east London after CS spray was squirted into his face although his arms were handcuffed behind his back.

However, the police have stressed that a post mortem found that Ibrahima Sey, 29, was suffering from heart disease. In the second case a group of nightclubbers is to sue the Merseyside police force after officers allegedly released CS spray into their coach, and then shut the doors. Liz Parratt, campaigns co-ordinator of Liberty, said: "We think it is therefore very difficult to describe the trials as a success."



# Tin church rededicated on a mission to preserve

CHRIS MOWBRAY

Even in its heyday, the little Victorian mission but made of corrugated iron sheets nailed on to a cheap wooden frame was hardly an architectural gem.

But the church, which cost £70 to build in 1891 and which served the scattered rural community of Bringsty Common. Herefordshire, for nearly a century, has now taken its place among some of Britain's most precious buildings.

The 12-metre long prefab, supplied out of a catalogue by J.C. Humphreys Iron Yards and Works of Ludgate Station, London, has been rebuilt at the Avoncroft Museum of Historic

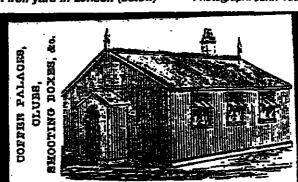
Buildings in Bromsgrove. Worrs, nearly 40 miles from said: "It is one of the humbler its original site, and was restructures in this museum and dedicated this week.

The Right Rev John Oliver, the Bishop of Hereford, in whose diocese the church used to stand, officially handed over the building to the Right Rev Philip Goodrich, the Bishop of Worcester.

A 100-strong congregation was made up of former parishioners, who had saved the church by devotedly caring for it since it closed eight years ago, local church-goers, contractors who carried out the rebuilding work and museum officials including its president, the author Lucinda Lambton.

The Bishop of Hereford it may not be made of stone, but what does that matter? It is a

piece of history preserved." Dr Simon Penn, the museum's curator, said: "The whole thing was a total time warp with its font, lectern, altar and all its other fittings intact, and was still very much a living, breathing, church. It represents an historic moment in architectural design - the introduction of corrugated iron as a new, durable building material. It is a perfect example of buildings which were once numerous all over the world but which are now becoming very rare."



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### Council tenants stuck on benefits

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

Council tenants are being pushed to the margins of society, left behind by the right-tobuy and trapped on benefits, a study by the Institute of Fiscal Studies revealed yesterday.

But, short of benefit cuts, which would reduce the incomes of the poorest in society. measures to improve their incentives to work will be costly, the report says.

Twenty years ago, council and housing association tenants were in the mainstream of society. Now they are "at the margins", nearly half of them from the poorest fifth of the

population.

More than half have no income from employment. While average incomes have risen by 30 per cent, that of social housing tenants has fallen by a fifth since 1973. And because no new council housing is being built, only the most needy have been able to move

But while income has gone down, the rents have gone up, doubling in real terms since 1979 as the Government has ended subsidies to council housing and poured money into housing benefit, to help indi-

viduals pay the higher rents. But, "the combination of low wages, higher rents and the benefit system has made the returns to working very low for many tenants." Paul Johnson, one of the report's authors.

To improve work incentives, rents could be cut, or in-work benefits made more generous. But both approaches are costly. Cutting rent levels by 25 per cent, taking them back to 1988 levels, would cost £1bn a year.

Mr Johnson said: "If you want people in full-time work and able to get off means-tested benefits, the approach is to spend a lot on reducing rents.

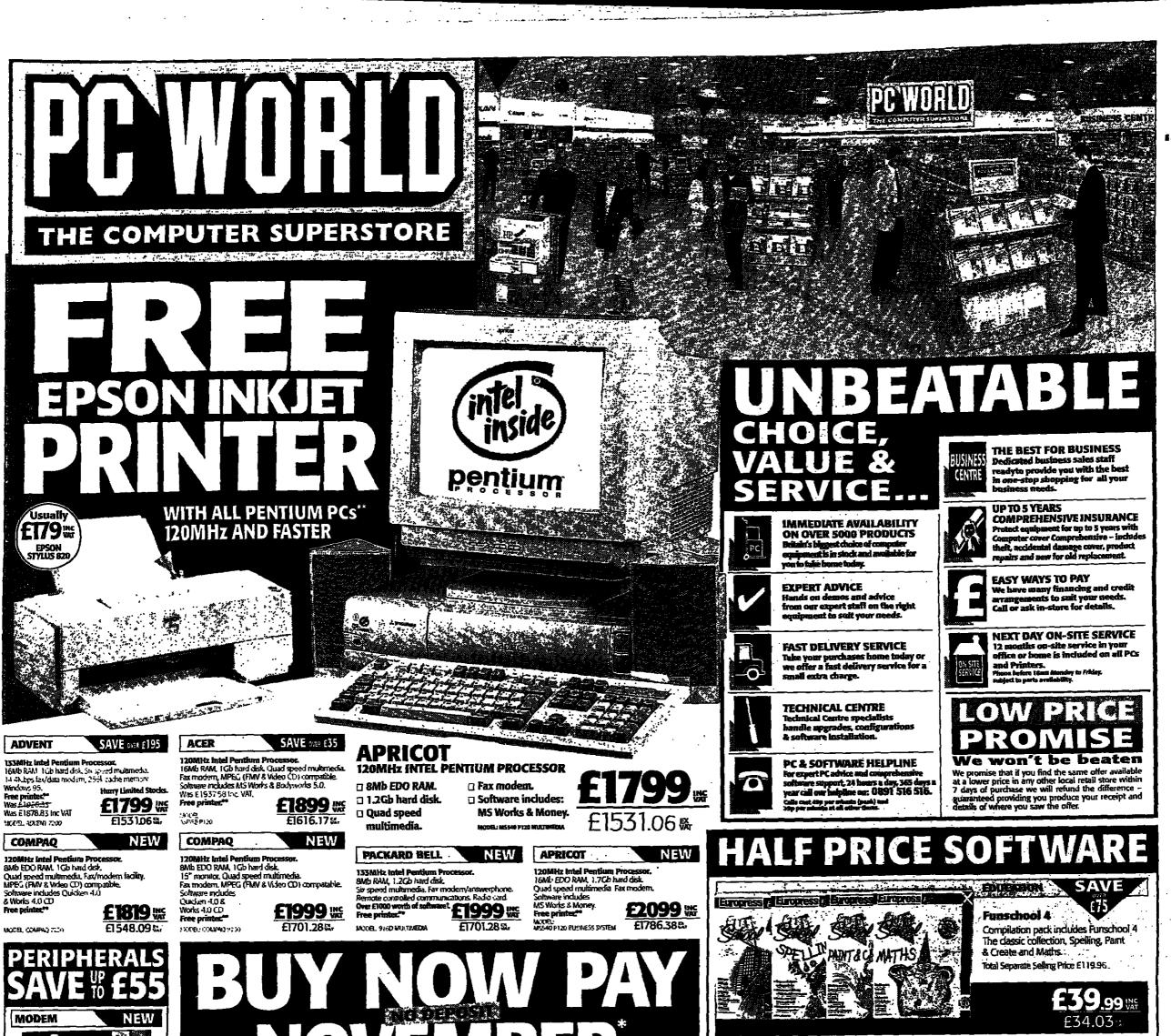
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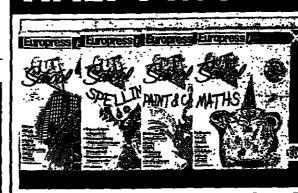
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Novel Award.

l am, of course, dead chuffed

that my first novel, Clever Girl,

has been condemned by the Daily Mail as Most Sleazy En-

trant for the Betty Trask

However, I soon skidded to

a halt on the path of sperm and mucus that I'd laid down for my

triumphal march-past. The prig-

gish naiveté of the writer, Gra-ham Lord, and the lifeless

puling of the Orange Prize

judges he quotes so extensively in support of his argument, suddenly struck me as sinister.

The whole boring "controver-

sy" only reinforces my convic-tion that after a certain age, the average person's receptivity to

new ideas transforms irrevoca-

bly into nostalgic self-deception.

The point is, women don't hide their shit in scented floral

bags tied with ribbons any more.

(Not that we ever really did: we

were just condemned much

more if we didn't.) My novel

(which Graham Lord couldn't

handle after page 47) is a very black, explicit, comedy about a

young woman, the ultimate

round hole who meets too many

nasty square pegs, who goes out

and gets superb, if sad, revenge on the world.

Many people have found it

very funny. It's fiction, but the

anger and so-called obscenity

(er, masturbation and sex) are

directly descended from fact. At

13 you're as desperate for a shag

as any boy, believe me. I'm al-

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Betty Trask Prize: Tale of serial killer wins award for a first novel as judges condemn 'depraved' and 'squalid' prose of entries

MARIANNE MACDONALD

Lanchester's book is a gourmet's guide to murder, admittedly written in exceptionally elegant prose. But it contains not a sniff of romance, unless you count the relationship between the honeymooners whom

So the decision to award the £8,000 first prize to Lanchester - deputy editor of the London Review of Books - must have been crushing for Graham Lord, the judge who so whole-heartedly criticised the entries for the £25,000 prize endowed by Betty Trask for first novels "of a ro-

It was an equal blow for Charlotte Bingham, the novel-ist who chaired the judging. "At least 50 per cent of entries submitted to the judges were too appalling to repeat. Some of them were absolutely deprayed. It is such an awful waste of trees,"

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the zither with waxed silk string

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increasingly writing books that are astonishingly sleazy, foul-mouthed and violent," the nov-elist railed in the Daily Mail. "A third of all this year's entries were amazingly squalid."

Women such as Tania Glyde. who took Mr Lord's personal prize for gratuitous sleaze. "Tania Glyde's Clever Girl manages to mention in the first few pages a dog's sexual excitement, dildos, various body fluids, child abuse, loveless sex, lavatory paper and all the usu-al four-letter words," he warned, not to mention a girl's irresistible lust for a thick, Habitat pottery lamp ..

and swear like navvies."

And so they are producing struation and vomiting".

. Mr Lord has a point. Young women are writing about sex and

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Anthologies, the stocking fillers of publishing, are notoriously difficult to pull off. They also create a dilemma for the reader: how, quite, to approach a hundred or so disparate pieces of writing, musings and verse. To dip or to plough? The sting of AS Byatt's short story "A Lamia in the Cevennes", at the beginning of New Writing 5 (Vintage in association with the British Council, £6.99) suggests the second method. And the effort, over some 400 pages, is rewarded through prose contributions by Louis de Bernières, Philip Hensher, Rose Tremain, William Trevor, and poetry by Dannie Abse, Charles

Tremain, William Trevor, and poetry by Dannie Abse, Charles Tomlinson, Jon Silkin and Pauline Stainer. An intriguing and

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the end of the 18th century was led by Mrs Radcliffe and Mary Shelley and they were packed

explicit and violent."

with death and destruction.

The point of Mr Lord's tirade

ways done (masturbation, menstruation, sex) but whether they are doing it well.

Photograph: Jillian Edelstein True, millions of novels have

managed to be both good and non-sexually explicit. But times

change. And as long as most women writers avoid the temptation of the pointless orgasm, we should not worry too much about the odd Habitat lamp.

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Violence and sleaze keep out romance

Arts Correspondent

What a wonderful, gleeful irony! On Wednesday one of the judges of the Betty Trask prize for romance delivers a pulverising attack on the violent squalid and explicit nature of the books which were entered. Last night the winner is announced: John Lanchester's The Debt to Pleasure - about a serial killer who has murdered his entire family,

the narrator goes on to kill.

mantic or traditional nature".

she said yesterday. Mr Lord's attack was the most interesting, for he is a man around whom fragrance seems irresistibly to play.

What worries Mr Lord is precisely why females are turning to violence. "Once it was women who softened and civilised their men and children," he observed. But now he accuses young women of "abandoning their femininity and embracing yobbishness". "Even young, middle-class mums are increasingly scruffy nowadays

coarse, nasty books. Deborah Bosley's Let Me Count The Ways is the "interly unromantic story of a girl whose homosexual husband has Aids"; Louise Doughty's Crazy Paving is "awash with foul dialogue, graphic de-scriptions of masturbation, men-

violence in a way that they did not before. But that is not to say that they used to ignore the realities of life completely. The

Tanya Glyde: Author of Clever Girl, attacked for sleaze

fashion for Gothic novels from about the things they have al-

But as Jill Paton Walsh, the Booker-shortlisted author of Knowledge of Angels, points out: "The world and the media in general are becoming more

should not have been whether

The answer to that has to be that, on the whole, they are not. There is little point describing sex and violence unless this is

central to the plot, or the very point being made — as in Brett Easton Ellis's American Psycho. But many others in the Brutalist mould are simply not well

Jones, and Louis Caron Buss for

Her family had made moncentral London, when she was a young woman. She is said to have been "pretty but retiring" in her youth.

### idated and tiny terrace house in Frome, where she died in 1983,

£20m arts complex planned

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Work is expected to begin in

design scheme, costings and consultations with heritage or-

The Dome Complex, which

be converted into start-up fashion and craft units, aimed at students, with goods marketed to the famous specialist shops in

the Brighton Lanes. Christopher Barron, director of the Brighton Festival, said the

"It is the most exciting oppor-tunity the town has ever had." The Dome complex consists

went downstairs to watch Morecambe and Wise with my parents. I sat crossjust as keen to shut us up. ged on the ground. The critics of "sleaze" must Eric 'n' Ernie bounced and filted in their various illfitting suits. As I watched, I found myself dividing my attention between the screen and the thick,

Why I write explicitly on

a woman's real desires

Lust for a lamp

From Tania Glyde's Clever

bulbous Habitat potten lamp on the coffee table The lamp sat and pointed upwards. The harder I stared at it the more I wanted it inside me. It was a pecultar sensation. As my eyes passed back and forth from screen to lamp, I could not prevent tiny serpents of helpiess lust gathering bewe've lost them.

fore my eyes, entering me and descending en masse. imagined myself squatting over the popular ceramic and somehow managing to absorb its entire girth. explain nuclear war and Aids to a child: I could handle those bril-

tiantly compared to how I would explain to a young girl, like my character, that her desires are normal, but if she goes out to fulfil them she will face a tide of abuse. I vowed one day I'd write about all that. It looks like a lot of other writers have felt the same, however distanced the fictional arenas they may have

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Is this "sleaze"? To me. "sleaze" is power games and manipulation. "Sleaze" is what's done to women and children to keep them under control. I'm saddened to see that it is other, powerful, women who are

have private lives which make a dead cat look exciting. Of course, the writer's life is a paradox: to write you must be indoors, alone, very alone and, mostly, sober. But you also have to line. Life is savage, visceral, often incomprehensible and full of bodily fluids. Life is also about ideas. There are a be of them around. My second non-el deals with the Human Cenome Project, modern-day witchcraft and the impact of mass hysteria. Tell me that doesn't have "major themes" and "big ideas", to paraphrase one Starfruit whinger who says However, I should warn all

Daily Mail readers and their friends that the book also contains, among other things, blood, shit, set, drugs and swearing. No, I'm not expecting any prizes if the current climate of opinion in Little England is anything to go by.
I'm left with an overriding

feeling: here we go again, two nations at war, the old chint: contingent covering their cars against the repetitive beats of the new gang. However, I must tell you, my dear dismayed critics, that the noise you are hiding from is no more than the learful thumping of your own hearts.

# Benefactor from a bygone age

elist who endowed one of the Britain's best-known literary prizes, has been out of print herself for decades. Miss Trask wrote The Merry

MARIANNE MACDONALD

Belles of Bath in 1957, one of 33 novels she permed with Barbara Cartland-style regularity between 1933 and 1957. But its depiction of coy misses, marriage-orientated mothers, and naughty roues owes more to that much-loved mistress of the romantic historical genre, Georgette

£25,000 annual prize for first which had titles such as Love novels of a traditional or ro- Has Wings and Love Has No under 35 - they need not have been published – 13 years She lived with her mother in

Frome, near Bath, in Somerset, and there is no evidence of any sexual entanglements. Men were purely of professional interest to her, and, unlike Jane Austen, there is nothing to suggest that she ever considered Much of Miss Trask's wealth

was inherited, although she herself built up a solid follow-ing for her jolly tales of young

ey from silk-weaving, clothing manufacture and quarrying, and their fortune meant that they could afford to live in Eaton Square, Belgravia, in

Later, she developed into a thin, elderly woman with a rather grand manner. Her last 35 years were spent in a dilap-

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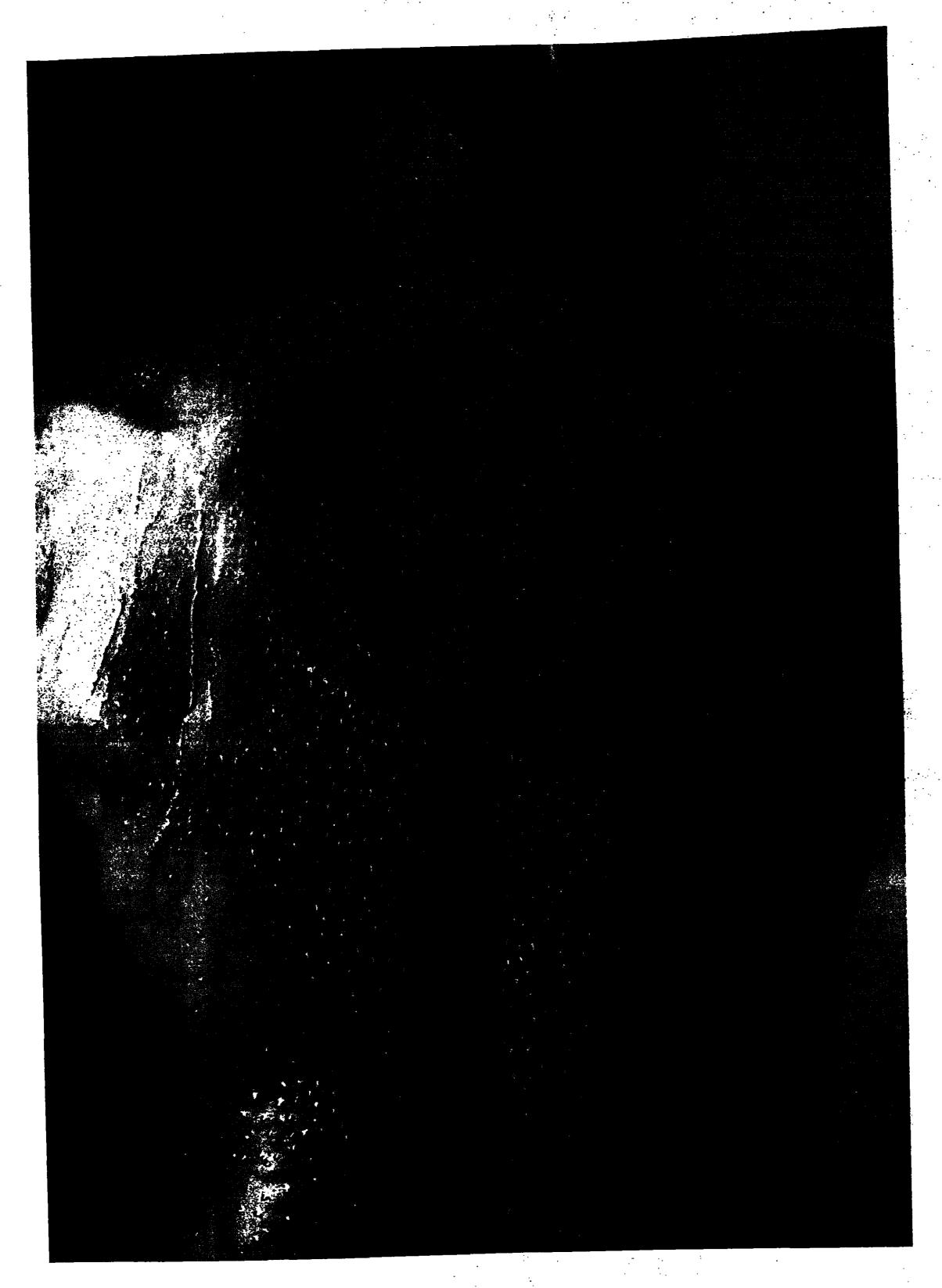
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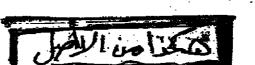
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Chechen conflict: Kremlin welcomes offer by Dudayev's successor to come to Moscow

# Yeltsin to talk peace with rebel leader

HELEN WOMACK

Chechnya's new leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, will travel to Moscow soon for peace talks, saving President Boris Yeltsin from making a trip to Grozny, which his aides said was too dangerous.
The Organisation for Security

and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), which mediated peace talks between Russia and the Chechens last summer, announced that the latest attempt to end the 17-month conflict would take place before next month's presidential elections.

"A meeting will take place in the very near future," said Tim Guldimann, the OSCE's chief representative in Grozny. "The OSCE will accompany Yandarbiyev to Moscow and will take part in the talks."

A Kremlin spokesman confirmed the OSCE's statement. "President Boris Yeltsin guarantees the security of Yandarbiyev himself and members of his delegation," he said. Sergei Stepashin, the secretary of a state commission which Mr Yeltsin set up in March to seek a settlement in Chechnya, hailed the agreement to talk as a "great breakthrough" and said it was in not connected with the President's campaign for re-election.

But the talks can hardly be .. seen outside the context of the elections, as Russians have made clear that they view Chechnya as the number one issue. Mr Yeltsin regrets having intervened militarily in Chechnya in December 1994. He knows his career hangs on finding peace and he has said he was prepared to go to Grozny to seek a solution.

But his security advisers said they knew of assassination plots against him. Chechen militants were said to be renting flats along the road from Grozny airport, for use by snipers. His safety could not be guaranteed. Mr Yandarbiyev advised likewise. He would not order any attacks on Mr Yeltsin, he said, but he could not be sure a lone gunman would not seek revenge for all the killing and

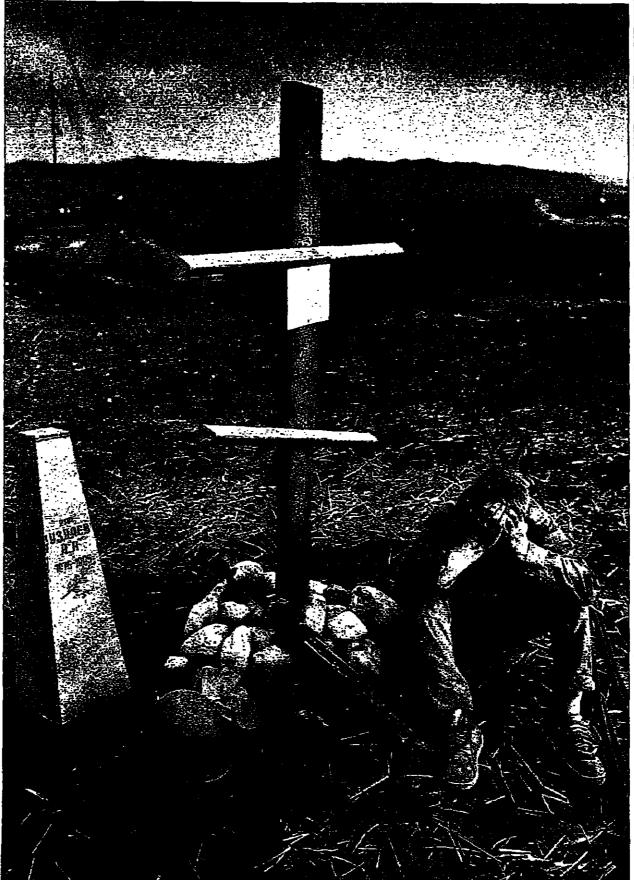
destruction in Chechnya.

The guerrilla Shamil
Basayev, who led a raid on a hospital in southern Russia last summer, said that if Mr Yeltsin entered Chechnya, he would not leave it.

Mr Yandarbiyev, who succeeded the separatist leader, General Dzhokhar Dudayev, after he was killed in a rocket attack in April, is swallowing a considerable amount of Chechen pride to come to Moscow. Earlier, he had said he would only take part in peace talks if the Yeltsin administration proved it had not ordered the killing of Dudayev, thought to have been the work of army hardliners enraged by a Chechen attack on a Russian COTIVOY.

On the ground yesterday, the Russian army claimed it had flushed Chechen rebels out of a former Soviet nuclear-missile base where they had resisted federal forces for over a year. General Gennady Troshin said his 58th army was just mopping up, after ejecting the rebels from four silos at the base near the western village of Bamut. The latest battle produced a

death toll of at least 40 among Russian servicemen - bad news on which Mr Yeltsin's Communist opponents immediately sought to capitalise.



Far from home; A Russian soldier at the grave of a fallen comrade-in-arm near Bamut, claim to have driven Chechen rebels from some strategic hills

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# Budget cuts spark strikes on both sides of the Rhine

Paris and IMRE KARACS

Both France and Germany seem to be heading for a fresh wave of labour unrest, sparked by threatened government budget cuts to prepare for Euro-

pean monetary union.

An estimated 12,000 people marched through Paris yesterday to campaign for a reduction in working hours. There were also demonstrations in other French towns, as well as a strike at the national railway (SNCF). The Eiffel Tower was shut for the fourth consecutive day.

Yesterday's strike action was called by the CFDT union because of delays in signing agreements between the unions and employers' organisations over the reduction in working hours. According to an earlier agreement signed by unions and the Centre National du Patronat Français (CNPF), accords

should be met in more than 100 sectors by 30 June.

The CNPF believes that "a large, general and obligatory reduction" in working hours will have catastrophic effects on productivity. But the government seems to be on the side of the unions. President Jacques Chirac recently told the CNPF president, Jean Ganclois, that you can do much better on the issue of working hours", and the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, is threatening to change legislation if the discussions between unions and the employers or-

Yesterday's action served as a test for union leaders, who wished to check the mood of members. "We're getting up speed for the other strikes and days of action," said the CGT union leader, Louis Viannet. The next few weeks will see

ganisations do not advance.

a surge of social unrest in France. Yesterday's action was sparked by Mr Juppe's comments last week that there was excess fat" in the public sector. A day of action has been called later this month for the

defence of public services. This will be followed by a strike at France Telecom on 4 June and at the electricity and gas operator, EDG-GDF, the following day. Both are to protest about threatened privatisation plans. These stoppages should be overshadowed by the day of action by railwaymen and civil servants on 6 June to protest

against cuts in public services. There is also trouble on the other side of the Rhine. In Germany, talks aimed at ending public sector strikes that have disrupted transport and communications across the country for the past week broke

### **Eurostar disrupted**

High speed Eurostar train services between London and Paris were disrupted yesterday by a lightning strike at the Gare Du Nord station, writes Barrie Clement. Key rail workers, including signal staff, walked out . One train from London was cancelled and others only ran as far as Villiers on the outskirts of the French capital. A Eurostar spokesman in London said the timetable would be back to normal today.

down yesterday, with the unions condemning the government's offer of a half per cent pay rise as "provocative".

But commuters are likely to he spared more disruption in the foresecable future, as the two sides will take the dispute to arbitration. During that period, approximately three weeks, no industrial action is allowed under the country's labour laws.

If arbitration fails, the union's 1.7 million members could paralyse transport, postal services, hospitals and government offices. However, the government has little scope for concessions, as the projected budget deficit for next year is already larger than allowed under the Maastricht criteria for European monetary union.



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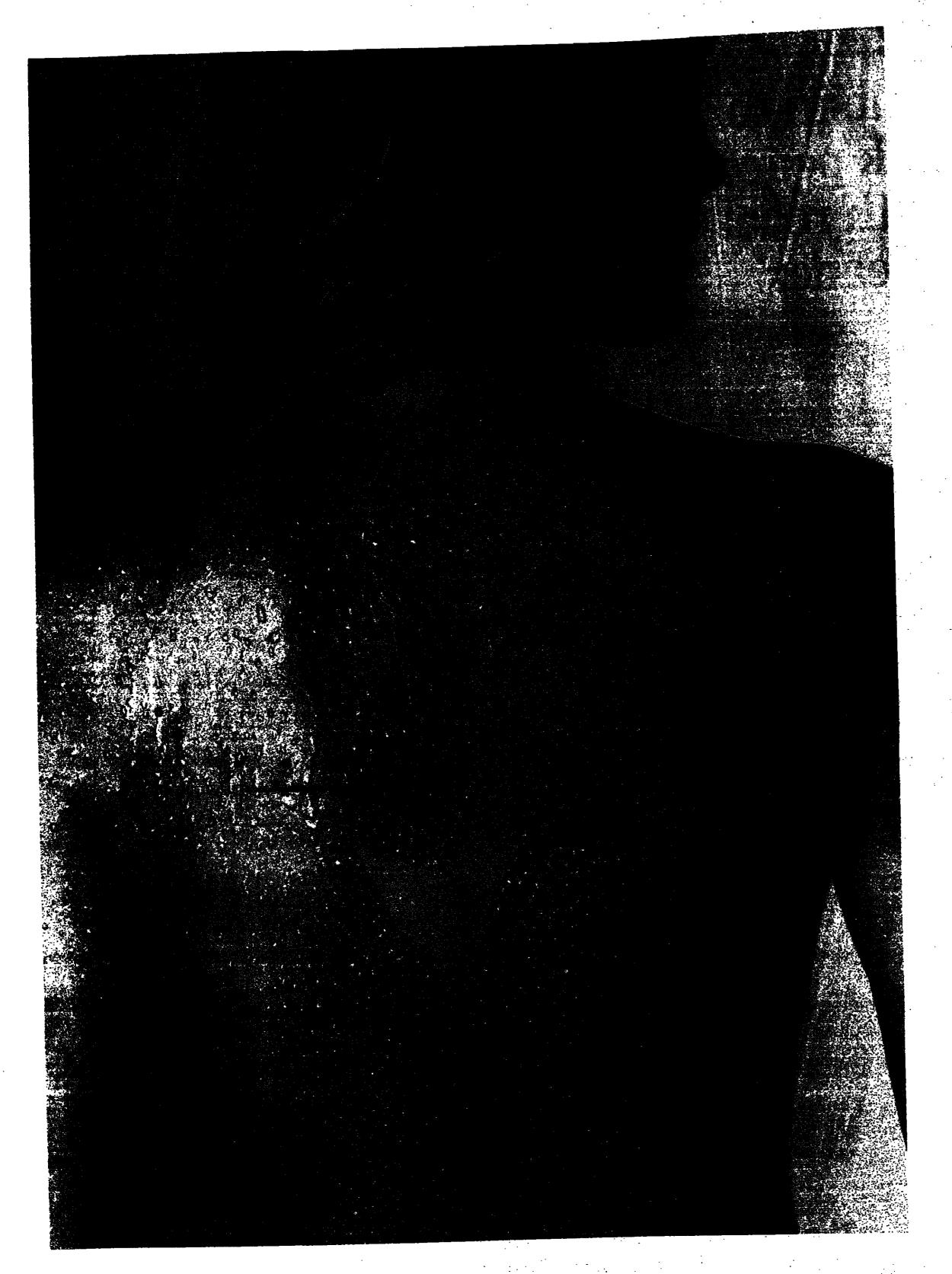
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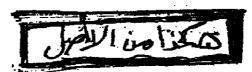
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# A haven of tolerance on the Golden Horn

Istanbul — An iron gate bars access to the fifth floor of an anonymous building in the fash-ionable district of Tesvikiye, behind which, every Saturday afternoon, a brightly dressed group of amateurs gathers to put out the weekly organ of Turkey's proud and successful

Jewish community. Security at Shalom newspaper is respected only a little more than the Sabbath day, however. A cheery voice called down the stairwell: "Who is it?". the gate swung open and I was ushered into a world about which most of Turks are only dimly aware.

"We are just 25,000 people in a country of 65 million. Most Turkish Muslims have never even met a Jew," said Shalom's editor, Silvyo Ovadya, after greeting me in a lobby-cum-bookstore filled with thick volumes on more than 500 years of Turkish Jewish history.

The community's story is an unusual tale of survival and the creation of a unique sense of identity and tolerance. Outrages committed by Israel have led to upsurges of Islamic fervour and ignorant slurs against Jews in Turkey's Islamist press. But in general, the Turks feel little common cause with Arabs, Anti-Semitism has rarely found

Indeed, Turkey's Jewish community sees itself as an important link in a developing special relationship between Turkey and Israel, not to mention an alliance in Washington between the powerful Jewish lobby and its puny Turkish equivalent.

"It's fair to say that no Jew has ever been persecuted by the state here just because they were said Suzan Nana Tarablus, taking time off from a mainstream Turkish

newspaper as the only professional journalist in Shalom's ed-

Traditionally the Jews of Turkey believe they have not only been better off than Jews in other Muslim countries, but better off than in many European Christian countries as well.

The first Jews came to Istanbul in Byzantine times. When the Ottoman Sultan Mehmet the Conqueror cap-tured the depleted city in 1453, he asked them to stay. "Ascend the site of the imperial throne, dwell in the best of the land, each beneath his vine and fig tree, with silver and with gold, with wealth and with cattle," one of his edicts declared.

Pleased by the Jews' contribution to prosperity, the Ottomans seized the opportunity offered by the persecution of the Catholic inquisition in Spain and in 1492, they welcomed any Sephardic Jews who wished to

Even today, the lilting tones of Judaeo-Spanish, sometimes called Ladino, can be heard in Tesvikiye restaurants. The custom is dying, however. Perhaps only a third of the community now speaks the language. Shalom just gives it one page, the recipe column and the motto: "A lo tuerto tuerto, a lo dereco dereco." (Right for the right, crookedness for the crooked). The rest is in Turkish.

"Judaeo-Spanish is not a mother-tongue any more, it's a grandmother-tongue. Very few

Jewish Diaspora: Descendants of those who fled the Inquisition still prosper in the old capital of the Ottomans, writes Hugh Pope

ish is the language we speak at home," said Mr Tarablus.

The Ottoman Empire de-clined, and with it, the Jewish community. By the mid-19th century, many lived in poor districts by the banks of the Golden Horn. Education and an opening to the West began to change all that. Unlike the Greeks and Armenians, who had territorial claims against the Ottoman Empire, the Jewish community survived the transition into a Turkish republic relatively well.

The only hiccup came during the Second World War. On one hand, Turkey gave asylum to German Jews, encouraging academics to settle, and protecting Jews with Turkish passports. On the other hand, an unjust wartime capital levy, the wealth tax, aimed to break the domination of business by non-Muslim minorities, Many Jews were sent into internal exile.

The result was that many chose to go to the new state of Israel after the war, where many of them preserve a dis-tinctly Turkish Jewish identity.

Turkish politicians visiting the country sometimes seem to get a warmer welcome in their main district of Beit Yam than

people know any Hebrew. Turk- they do when touring Turkey. Few Jews choose Israel over Turkey today, despite an undercurrent of problems that goes further than the occasional vandalisation of Jewish cemeteries or anti-Semitic diatribes in the Islamic press.

Two Arabs from Abu Nidal's terrorist group shot and killed 22 Jews in Istanbul's Neve Shalom synagogue in 1986. In 1992, a hand-grenade killed another at the same place. Assassination attempts

were made since then against two Jews, the head of the 100strong community in Ankara, and the best known Jewish industrialist, Jak Kamhi. But Jak Kamhi's son Jefi in December became the first

non-Muslim to be elected to the Turkish parliament in four decades. Other Jews, being well-educated, still feel they are better off playing a role in the dynamic development of the Turkish economy.

"To be in a minority is a personal conflict. But everybody re-solves their conflict in some way," said Mr Tarablus. "Some people call themselves Vedat instead of Vitaly and melt into the population. Others are given names that stand out, like Israel, and happily live with it."



# SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

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lousy work. At one time they wanted to send me packing.
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UN shortcomings in Bosma and Sometia. Takes minimum.

UN shortcomings in Bosnia and Sometia Th as possible alternatives include the Irish President, Mary Robinson, and Gro Harlem Brundland, Prene Minister of Norway. David Usbarne - New York

The Foreign Secretary, Makelin Hilland, asked access.

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Seven French Trappist monks abducted in Algeria

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which said it had received a message in the name of the
kidnappers. It was not possible to authenticate the message, signed in the name of the Armed Islamic, Grippi
(GIA). Radio Mediterrappee International said the GIA
said it "executed" the monks on Wednesday after breadents
Jacques Chirac of France ruled out dialogue with the Algerian rebels. The monks were kithapped from their
monastery south of Algiers in March. Range Ratio

Sir David Harinay, recently retired British copresents—
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David, 60, will participate in efforts to ungotate a longterm settlement between the Greek and Ruttish powerments on resolving the island's division between its Greekand Turkish communities. The issue will come to the flowfront when talks begin, probably next year, on the possible
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UN post in 1990, Sir David was for five years Britain's anbassador at the EU. David Usbarne. New York.

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A toddler found dead in a well in the southern Span-lish town of Mogner could have been tolled by one or more of his young playmates, police said, working on the theory after a minor led them to the sound where three year old Ismael Gomez died. The alleged a meetas summed the small community, which initially thought he died actithe sman community, which minustry intought he died acti-dentally. Gomez was found in a dry well on Wednesday, right after disappearing on Thesday afternoon on his way, it buy sweets from a stall near his home. Rente: Manual.

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# Kashmiris vote at the point of India's guns

TIM McGIRK Baramulla

In the old Kashmir town of Baramulla, the Indian army obliged people with a 5am wake-up call so they would not forget to vote in yesterday's elections. It was not a courtesy call hut a threat.

Armed soldiers filed through the rainy alleys of Baramulla, forcing their way into the cedarbeamed houses and dragging people from their beds. They took down my name and said that if I hadn't cast my vote by 5pm, they would beat me so hard that my face would be unrecognisable," said one beard-ed youth afraid to give his name.

appear. So the soldiers went back. This time they used their rifle butts and bamboo sticks to herd the people through the mud like frightened animals. One grizzled man held out his thumb, marked with an indelible stain by the polling officers which showed he had voted. He

was relieved but bitter. "The army said that if I didn't come back with this ink on my thumb, I'd be shot dead. But none of us wanted these elections. We want freedom from India," said the old man. The crowd pressing in on us shout-ed "Azadi! Azadi!" (Freedom). But the Kashmiris were forever glancing down Baramulla's empty lanes to see if an army

patrol was rounding the corner. The army's coercion in Baramulla, was not a single, ugly incident. Throughout Kashmir valley, systematic use of intimidation and vote-rigging was carried out by Indian authorities. When an Indian polling officer, Jalil Khan, told a news conference that yesterday's elections in Kashmir were "free of irregularities", he was met with

Everywhere, from Baramulla to Anantnag in southern Kash-mir (the capital Srinagar votes on 30 May), the story was the same: Indian soldiers and police forced the Kashmiris to vote. It was a fraud of careless transparency and brutality, one that has convinced many Kashmiris that Indian democracy, at least in this troubled Himalayan state, is only a sham. Electoral rolls were doctored; army officers admitted they were under them under arrest until mid-

8am, the expected queues of ea-ger Kashmiri voters had failed gents, backed by the Indian army, bullying people to vote for their candidate.

Authorities insisted that the extra security precautions were needed because Muslim insurgents, who have been fighting a six-year long war against India, were trying to sabotage the polls. A three-day ban called by the militants to protest against these elections was enforced throughout the 80-mile long Kashmir Valley. Since independence, Kashmiris claim India has denied them the right to choose whether to remain in India or join their fellow Muslims in Pakistan.

Given a choice, most Kash-miris now would prefer a third option: Azadi. These parliamentary elections, many Kashmiris believe, will be used by prove that Kashmiris have abandoned support for the Muslim separatists and are once again happy to be part of India. Polling officers boasted that voter turn-out was a high 43 per cent. Many voters claimed that, in anger, they spoiled their ballot by stamping all the party symbols: the hand. the boat, the lotus, the bicycle,

and the bow and arrow. sand of them marched across the bridge spanning the Jhelum river. They were fired on with tear gas by paramilitary police and beaten with clubs. Still they refused to vote. It was only after an army officer. Major. Sanjiv Kapoor, rounded up more than 50 children and kept orders to ensure a high turnout. afternoon that their parents, and at several polling stations defeated, went to the poils.

# Arms racket sparks new US row with China

RUPERT CORNWELL **Washington** 

Seven people were appearing in a San Francisco court yesterday after US federal agents cracked a Chinese-backed scheme to smuggle automatic rifles and other weapons into the United States, which could further complicate the already fraught relations between Washington

and Peking,
In a first official comment on
the case, which is said to involve
two state-owned Chinese arms manufacturers, the assistant Attorney General Jamie Gorelick said it was "a very serious matter" which the government would be following "very

closely.

That, if anything, is an understatement. The seven individuals, American citizens as well as Chinese living in the US, are accused of illegally seeking to sell here 2,000 Chinese-made fully automatic AK-47 rifles and other arms, worth \$4m (£2.6m). Some of them are understood to be representatives of Norinco and Polytech. two Chinese arms-making companies with reported connections to the family of Deng Xiao Ping, China's senior ruler.

The ring was broken by a

classic sting operation, in which agents of the Bureau for Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) posed as arms dealers interested in purchasing the weapons, and made a \$400,000 down payment for a first shipment. Federal officials admit that money is now irrecoverable, but hope to more than make up for it by confiscating assets in the US owned by the two Chinese companies.

According to reports here. AK-47s and machine guns were by no means the end of the story, and the ATF would have preferred to let the sting operation run for several more weeks in the hope of drawing even more compromising weapons into its net. But word of the smuggling scheme had leaked to both the New York Times and Los Angeles Times newspapers, and the authorities felt they had no choice but to move quickly, while their targets were in the US.

Even so, the New York Times said yesterday that the smug-glers and the undercover ATF agents had held discussions involving more sophisticated equipment, including plastic explosives and hand-held antiaircraft missiles. But it was unclear, the paper, said, whether the Chinese representatives could actually have delivered them.

Whatever the extent of the scheme however, its discovery could not have come at a worse time, as ties between the US and China are under almost unprecedented strain on a host of different fronts - from human rights and trade with Taiwan to the alleged supply by Peking of Pakistan and other countries.

Earlier this month Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, decided not to impose punitive sanctions on China for exporting ring magnets -which can be used to build nuclear weapons - to Pakistan on the grounds that senior Chinese officials did not know about the

But whether that ignorance applies to this case is not clear. Although Norinco is one of China's biggest arms manufac-turers, and highly aggressive in the international market, corruption is widespread as wellplaced Chinese industry officials divert production to sell for their own personal gain.

At the very least, however, the incident can only set back hopes of resolving other disputes between the two countries. dealing a further blow to hopes of establishing regular Sino-American summits and possibly re-opening the annual argu-ment here over extending China's Most Favoured Nation trading status.

Despite a growing trade naw over CD and CD-Rom copy-right infringement which could see Washington impose punitive tariffs on \$2bn worth of imports of Chinese textiles and electronic equipment by the middle of June, both President Clinton and Bob Dole, his likely Republican opponent in No-vember's election, have been supporting renewal of MFN when it comes up for extension in 10 days' time.



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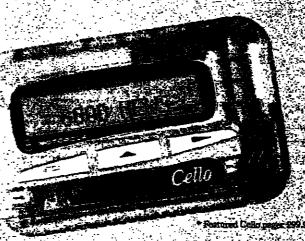
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# China sees power of gunboat diplomacy The show of force mounted by the United States Navy during Ships highlights the impact of a show ships highlights the impact of a show projects 2,000 miles into Pacific Ocean.

supreme example of modern gunboat diplomacy", according to the latest edition of Jane's Fighting Ships, published yesterday. It was "the single most important maritime event of the last year".

The dramatic demonstration of US naval power, the book says, was equivalent to that mounted during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. But ironically, it will have the same eftect on China as the Cuban crisis did on the Soviet Union: China will develop a proper navy, complete with aircraft carriers, further accentuating the growing militarisation of the Pacific region.

"The friendly smile and gen-tle language of the US Battle Group commander was the more chilling for the obvious self confidence it revealed," according to Captain Richard Sharpe, in an acerbic introduc-

tion to the 98th edition.

As in Cuba, he says, the exercise of overwhelming sea power by the US Navy will be seen by the nations on the receiving end as a form of power projection that can only be countered by building a navy that cannot be ignored as easily as the US shrugged off the

Another example cited is the incursion of a US carrier battle group into the Bay of Bengal in 1971 which had a strong impact on the subsequent

Fleet, reports Christopher Bellamy

powered submarines.

to launch fixed-wing aircraft like

the Su-27 Flanker it has recently

acquired from Russia, or go via mini carriers able to launch jump jets. However, China has

no jump jets, so the conven-

tional option looks more

towards Taiwan and Hong

Kong, its attempts to control

large numbers of small islands

in the South China Sea and its

various disputes over maritime

and land boundaries place it in

potential conflict with Russia,

India, North Korea, Tajikistan,

Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Vietnam, Japan, Brunei, the UK and US. Chinese mili-tary publications have recently

claimed that more than 2 mil-

lion square miles of Chinese

development of the Indian fleet. carriers, Jane's believes China The interruption of Soviet supplies to Spain during the 1936-39 Civil War also stimulated Stalin to build a "blue water" fleet but this was cut short by the Soviet entry into the Second World War in 1941.

Although Taiwan's ability to defend itself against China should not be underestimated, this quickly became minor "in the presence of the US Navy with its squadrons of strike aircraft in seaborne mobile airfields [carriers], the latest type of land attack and anti-ship cruise missiles"

On paper, the Chinese navy looks formidable, though unbalanced, with one nuclear-powered ballistic missile firing submarine, 50 other sub-marines, 50 destroyers and frigates and 870 coastal and patrol craft. But, Capt Sharpe said yesterday: "The shipbuilding is not up to scratch. It looks im-pressive on paper but it's not."

According to Jane's, an ac-celerated submarine programme, including new nuclear and diesel submarines, is already in place, but the Taiwan confrontation will probably force China to end a longrunning debate about aircraft carriers and start building one. Although China showed some interest in former Soviet projects 2,000 miles into the Pacific Ocean.

Of the four main potential flashpoints on the world's seas, three lie on the western rim of the Pacific: the Straits of Taiwan, is "more interested in studying available designs than in orthe South China Sea and the sea off Korea. So far, the US Navy dering from a foreign yard". This is believed to be behind rehas exercised a quiet but effeccent Chinese negotiations with Bazan, the Spanish shipbuilder tive role in policing the area. But although the Pax Americana is being applied in every potential trouble spot around the world from the Adriatic to the China Seas, the US will have difficulwhich has recently launched a new mini-carrier for Thailand. It is also understood that large numbers of Russian nuclear ty maintaining it, as the Navy comes under increasing finanscientists are helping China build its new class of nuclear-

cial pressure, Jane's warns.
The US navy's budget is
\$74bn (£50bn) - twice the entire British defence budget. China could either proceed directly to building a large car-rier with an angled deck, able Congress has added \$13bn to the Department of Defence's proposal for \$242.6bn for 1997, of which the navy might expect a third. Nevertheless, the US Navy has the lowest number of ships in service since 1938 and the lowest building rate for 50

China's belligerent attitude years. There is also pressure to reduce the navy's tempo of operations, with more than 50 per cent of its ships at sea on any one day, of which 20 to 25 per cent are deployed overseas. According to Jane's, the only way the navy's plans can be financed will be by giving it a greater share of the defence budget overall than the present 30.5 per cent which it and the US Marine Corps now receive.

Increasing the naval share of the US defence budget would fit in with a view gaining ground among defence experts, that naval forces are those most able to intervene swiftly in worldwide crises. Amphibious forces and carrier-borne aviation can be moved around the world at a fraction of the cost of deploying army and landbased air units, and, by their nature, naval forces are on war stations" at all times.

The new Jane's includes details of the proposed US "arsenal ship" – a giant cruiser carrying up to 500 vertically launched missiles, plus guns, for shore bombardment. The plan is for six ships, the first of which could be in service as early as 2001.

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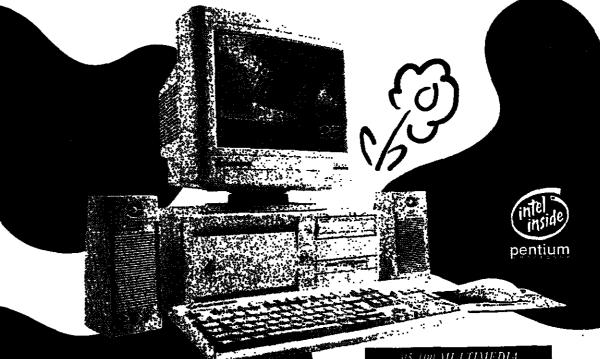
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As Patrick Glover, the suave on stage was brought to best efwriter of pulp thrillers, who struggled to bring up two lazy, man-mad teenage daughters and fend off his ex-wife, Patrick Cargill became a household name in the situation comedy series Father, Dear Father. He and his faithful St Bernard dog H.G. Wells were the sole men in a household of women. Fame had been a long time coming for the aristocratic-sounding actor with the dry, deliberate speech, Father, Dear Father, created but he found it in his middle years after two decades of playing mostly baddies in television and comedy roles in films such as the Carry On series.

Born in London in 1918. into a military family, Cargill went from Haileybury School to the Royal Military College at Sandhurst to train as an officer. and served in the Indian army, but resigned his commission to return home and become an actor, learning the ropes at Bexhill Rep in 1930.

With the outbreak of war, Cargill was back in the Army but, on being demobbed, he took to the boards in repertory theatre at Buxton, Croydon and Windsor. He made his West End début in High Spirits. and his subsequent stage plays included Dear Delinquent. Say Who You Are. Two and Two Makes Sex, Blithe Spirit, Skuth and more than 1.500 performances, over three years, in

Boeing-Boeing.
Before Father, Dear Father, Cargill tended to play sinister types on television, drawing swords with Richard Greene in the Fifties series The Adventures of Robin Hood, acting the counter-espionage chief. Miguel Garetta, who teams up with the British agent Peter Dallas (played by William Franklyn) in Argentina in the 1961 crime series Top Secret - a role that Cargill recreated in an episode of the police series No Hiding Place a year later - as well as both Thorpe and a sadistic No 2 in Patrick McGoohan's cult Sixties yarn The Prisoner (1967-68). He was also seen as baddies in The Avengers (1964) and Man in a Suitcase (1967). But the talent Cargill had

shown for comedy in films and



Cargill: winks and nods

fect on television when he played the doctor in the classic 1961 Hancock's Half Hour episode The Blood Donor. Cargill's dry humour as the straight man was a perfect foil for the legendary Tony Hancock, who dispensed with his regular foil, Sid James, for that final BBC series, which actually included several of the most memorable episodes of all.

and written by Johnnie Mortimer and Brian Cooke, ran for seven series and 52 episodes from 1968 to 1973, and was screened in more than 30 countries. The women whom Cargill's character had to contend with alone included his ex-wife Barbara (played by Ursula Howells), his daughters Anna and Karen (Natasha Pyne and Ann Holloway), his house-keeper Nanny (Noël Dyson) and his dotty mother (Joyce Carey). Cargill's only male companion, the St Bernard dog, spent most of his time sleeping on the settee, leaving him to contend with the chaos alone.

Cargill subsequently made a

sequel, The Many Wives of Patrick (two series, 1976-77), written by Richard Waring, in which he played a similar character a wealthy antiques dealer who had been married six times and an Australian version of Father, Dear Father (1978-79), under the same title. For this last series, Cargill's character had moved to Australia after seeing his daughters married off and, once there, had to contend with two nieces, one of them played by Sigrid Thornton, who has since gone on to become a star of Australian films and television. Most of Cargill's subsequent work was on stage, although at the height of his television fame he appeared in a BBC series entitled Feydeau Farces (1973), featuring different stage plays by the noted French farceur.

All his career Cargill was a keen writer, who scripted an episode of the television series Top Secret and a stage play, Smith by Any Other Name (1956), as well as co-writing, with Jack Searle, the West End hit Ring for Catty, later adapted into the film Carry On Nurse (1959), which he also acted in.

Cargill made his film début in the Disney live-action adventure The Sword and the Rose (starring Glynis Johns as Mary ludor. 1953) and followed it with 30 pictures, including the kind. Wallow is perhaps a clue supposed character. naval spoof Up the Creek (1958), the Brian Rix wartime comedy The Night We Dropped a Clanger (1959), Doctor in Love (1960), is having fun, our own is liable Carry On Regardless (1961), to dwindle. Farce, after all, is all about social or sexual plights, Luise, the smooth Spanish governor threatened by the crew of plight of a father or a lover or had never thought of the Venus – the Beatles' Help! whatever who seems to be en-



(1965), A Countess from Hong Kong (Charlie Chaplin's last film, 1966), Inspector Clouseau (1968), The Magic Christian 1969), Every Home Should Have One (1970), Up Pompeü (1971) and Father, Dear Father (1973), a spin-off from the television series.

Anthony Hayward

There are two kinds of farceur - the low and the high, writes Adam Benedick. Patrick Cargill aspired, sometimes brilliantly, sometimes lamentably, to both. Every actor needs to have range, even if the range between high and low farce can be greater than many of them suppose; but the proof of Cargill's range was his triumph as Charles in Coward's Blithe Spirit (Globe, 1970). After watching his antics, in,

say, Boeing-Boeing (1962), Say Who You Are (1965) or Two and Two Make Sex (1973), who would have supposed that the actor had the discipline as the husband bullied by both the quick and the dead in Coward's farce to get under the solemnly comic skin-of that battered husband?

The truth perhaps is not so much that there are high and low farceurs as that there are Cargill tended to wallow (from want of choice?) in the lower self more often than to his acting, for it implies enjoyment on the farceur's part: once we sense that the farceur and who can find funny the

joying himself, even by so much as a wink or a nod?

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Cargill's repertoire of winks and nods could be prodigious, likewise his energy. Not all farce needs to be acted like a whirlwind with the whole company digging each other in the ribs and showing how sharp are their elbows and their timing; but Cargill found himself in many shows like that; and by the force of personality would impose on them what came to be called the Patrick Cargill part.

What this was exactly no one bothered to define but it usually meant an ageing and eager public schoolboy, slightly dim, somewhat lascivious, who wants to remain as true as he can to his upbringing as a supposed gentleman while at the same time fulfilling his lurid fancies. The character, if it could be

so dignified, derived as much from Cargill's looks, manner and wide-eyed air of enquiry as from any sense of actorly authorial insight. Some cynics used to wonder whether Cargill ever acted at all? Was he not always playing himself? The answer was - yes, more or less. And because the personality was amiable and affable in a silly-ass tradition of British farce, Careill conquered all sorts of rotten high and low farces and that writing and direction on both stage and screen by being him-

> Behind the heavy-lidded eves with which he gazed down that prominent pose towards the thin line of his mouth with a certain haughtiness was an actor who since his Haileybury, Sandhurst and Indian army days had never thought of anything

his tongue to stray too visibly and too often (depending on the director) it is perhaps because He had ambitions towards urbanity and sophistication; and he deluded most of us that he possessed them. He also had actors are regularly accused of indulging themselves in farce when it is as often as not the aua caustic sense of humour, which went down well at other characters' expense; and though thor who has been indulging

everyone now remembers his

years? That was at Windsor.

Then came a tiny part in a West

End revue (another vanishing

theatrical training ground) and

before, in the 1960s, he began

His line in well-bred English

teeth and genteel dreamers of

dirty weekends in Paris soon

critical respect for his urgent

oglings, tortured smiles and

assorted becks and winks.

Cargill knew how to prompt

laughter for the simplest line

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If he rarely attracted much

1940s to the 1980s.

to matter in farces.

became popular.

frolics on television, especially In "high" farce (like Blithe as the aloof parent of two daughters in Father, Dear Father, Spirit), Cargill was supremely long-faced and serious; and in and his comic toils in Hancock's the lower type he was perhaps too often tempted to add his Half Hour. Cargill was one of the hardest-working stage actors own nods and becks and in the business from the midamused glances, as in for example Some of My Best Friends are Husbands (1976), as an old Would any modern player roue prevented from bedding think today of staying while in his twenties with an out-ofhis bride by visitors from his London rep for seven constant

Working for a firmer director, though, in Key for Two (1982) and a firmer writer (John Chapman), Cargill was in his sundry comedies and thrillers disciplined element as a husband who supposed that he alone was Moira Lister's keeper; and it was the same actor philanderers, ageing lovers with virility crises, devil-may-care who drew most of the laughter in William Douglas Home's After the Ball (Old Vic 1985) as adulterers with ill-fitting false he lapped up port and bribes -making mischief again, you see. No one knew better than Cargill how to imply it, relish it or share. his joy with us in it.

Although he seldom worked as a director in the theatre he had a singular success with the Cooney-Chapman hit Not Now Darling (1968) and co-wrote Hard to realise now that the the short-lived London stage sentence "Marriage is like a comedy Ring For Catty (1956) bath, the longer you stay in it the which begat the film Carry on colder it gets" drew roars of appreciation in 1973.

Nurse. More of that mischief was already in hand 40 years It was the naughty-boyish ago.

found amusing, if not charming. You had to admire the cheek. Patrick Cargill, actor and writer: born London 3 June 1918; died If that is where the actor allowed 23 May 1996.

# Bobby Tulloch

Bobby Tulloch, the Shetland naturalist, became well known world-wide thanks to the wildlife television films made about him and the books he wrote or illustrated.

Born in 1929, at a croft in North Aywick on the island of Yell, he grew up by the sea; it is therefore hardly surprising that on one occasion his mother found not a teddy bear in the young Bobby's bed but a dead puffin. His old ex-whaler grandfather once had to explain to him that the cat he was worried about swimming in the sea was in fact his first otter. Years later, in the early 1980s, Bobby Tulloch helped the BBC cameraman Hugh Miles in the making of the wonderful documentary The Track of the Wild Otter, which was mostly filmed around Yell. Yell is the second biggest of

the 100 or so islands that make up the Shetland archipelago it is low-lying, windswept, made of peat and covered in heather. For Bobby Tulloch, with his boat, it was a good central island from which to travel all round Tulloch left East Yell School

at the age of 14 without any for-mal qualifications. He served his time as a baker at Mid Yell. As a young man he was never beaten in a sprint over 100 yards. He was a yachtsman, a volunteer coastguard (until a few years ago - when technological advances in communication and position-finding equipment became common the coastguard service in Shetland depended to a large extent on local volunteers), and used his motorboat extensively to travel round Shetland in pursuit of wildlife. During National Service in the Army he was a staff sergeant in charge of a bakery in Hong Kong, and years later when a Chinese restaurant opened in Lerwick, Shetland's capital, he would order in

In 1964 he became Shetland's first full-time representative of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and worked for them for the next 21 years. His first claim to ornithological fame was in finding Britain's first nesting snowy owls in 1967. When the late Eric Hosking, then the only full-time bird photographer in Britain, came to take stills for the 16mm film I was making for the RSPB on the snowy owls, Tulloch put up hides for us.

Shetland boasts a list of more than 420 birds and is especially well-known for its vast colonies of cliff-nesting sea birds - about a million of them: puffins, gannets, shags, guille-MOIS, TEITIS, TUIMATS, KIT and several species of guils. Shetland is also internationally well known as a landfall for tired migrant species blown off course by easterly winds off the North Sea, while the island of Fetlar is the best colony in Britain for the rare wading bird, the red-necked phalarope

and the whimbrel.

Bobby Tulloch became a proficient, self-taught photographer of birds, otters, scals, whales, fish and flowers. His pictures illustrated many books. His Bobby Tulloch's Shetland (1988) also earned him the annual Shetland literary prize. An enthusiastic headmaster commented on the superb illustrations in the book but added that the text was even better. His other books included A Guide to Shetland's Birds (1970, with Fred Hunter). A Guide to Shetland's Breeding Birds (1992), Migrations: travels of a naturalist (1991) and the illustrations for The Flowering Plants and Ferns of the Shetland Islands (1987, by Walter Scott and Richard Palmer). Vake V

Tulloch did tours of stide shows of wildlife in Shetland round the country, and even filled the Royal Festival Hall, London, doing wonders for RSPB membership recruitment. The National Trust for Scotland often invited him to lecture on cruise ships which took him to places like Norway, Spitzbergen, Iceland and the Baltic as well as around the outlying islands offshore. Later, with the company Island Holidays, he found himself



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as far afield as Alaska and the Falkland Islands. He was a member of the Sui-

lom Voe oil terminal advisory group giving the industry advice and practical help on the monitoring of sea birds and mam-mals. He also took it on himself to publish annual reports of bird sightings in Shetland, long before the Shetland Bird Club (of which he was later President) formalised records in the early Seventies.

An accomplished writer of poetry, Bobby Tulloch often emertained at local concerts and weddings with hilarious songs of his own writing. Later in the evening he would join in with the band playing guitar, fiddle ( or accordion.

He was a widower and had no children. His expertise in the communicating with people, gave him a wide circle of

**Dennis Coutts** 

Robert John Tulloch, naturalist. photographer, writer and musician: born North Aywick, Shetland 4 January 1929; married: died Lerwick 21 May 1996.

# **Eleanor Campbell-Orde**

Eleanor Campbell-Orde possessed a striking beauty and a love of art which enveloped her in a wide circle of socialities, writers, painters, actors and

During her years at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Eleanor Watts enjoyed friendships with Osbert Lancaster, John Betjeman, Stephen Spender, Christopher Hawkes and Evelyn Waugh, whose wife eloped with her povfriend. To avoid an excess of male pursuit she left Oxford early, forsaking history and taking up art at the Central School of Art and Design. During this time she became engaged to the actor Valentine Dyall. A long engagement ended when she spent a year studying in Florence.

During the 1930s she became a pupil of the Georgian painter Prince Scherbachidze

sisted them in painting backcloths for the Ballets Russes at Covent Garden and in Barcelona. About this time Prince George Galitzine introduced her to Anton Dolin and they became lifelong friends.

and Mikhail Larionov and as-

Éleanor Watts was born in 1908, at Cheadle Hume, near Manchester. Her father, Humphrey Watts, conducted a family warehouse business in one of the most impressive buildings in Manchester, now the Britannic Hotel. Eleanor was educated privately, enjoyed a country life and on occasion hunted. The family traditions instilled in her a thirst for history which led to Oxford and thence to the arts.

In 1938 she married Sir Simon Campbell-Orde at St Margaret's, Westminster. He was at Caledonian Ball at Grosvenor ability to be in command of sit-the Bank of England but did not House as well as a huge sale at uations. Integrity, dignity and 1996.

like office work. They lived in London raising a family and spending long periods on the is-land of North Uist, which Simon had acquired, and by the shores of Loch Fyne in Argyllshire where the Campbell-Ordes had lived for centuries. During the Second World War, while her husband served with the Lovat Scouts, a mounted yeomany regiment, Eleanor campaigned for the return of ponies stolen from North Uist.

After the war she became involved with the Arts Educational Schools (originally the Come-Ripman) at Tring and for many years served on their board of governors, while ner husband became a trustee of the Royal Caledonian Schools at Bushey, Hertfordshire. To raise she possessed a remarkable she possessed a remarkable she possessed a remarkable died Dedham, Essex 18

Mr Graham Arnold, artist, 64: Mr

in East London – also annual. In 1947 the Campbell-Ordes established a market garden at Bishops Stortford, Hertfordshire and continued their patronage of worthy projects. Eleanor assisted Menuhin in launching his school of violin-playing, and be-came Chairman of the Harle-

the London Scottish Drill Hall

attractive décors. The family later moved to the Little Boltons in London, where they entertained in style. Eleanor Campbell-Orde was a Christian Scientist like her

quin Ballet Trust, for whom she

designed and painted some

charm were her shining virtues. She travelled the world and was interested in many cultures. In old age she painted and exhibited her watercolours in local exhibitions in Dedham, Essex, where she had built herself a house adjoining her daughter's residence Towards the end she became

immobilised but her unquenchable spirit never flagged and she continued to keep in touch with the organisations that had been so much a part of her life. John Gregory

Eleanor Hyde Watts, painter and charity worker: born Cheadle Hume, near Manchester 25 August 1908; married 1938 Sir Simon Campbell-Orde Bt (died died Dedham, Essex 18 May

Thames was opened, 1862; Brooklyn

Bridge, New York, was opened, 1883; Henry Irving became the first theatrical knight, 1895; the Orange Free State was annexed by Britain,

1900: Empire Day was first celebrated

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Wong Peng Soon, badminton player, died Singapore, 22 May, aged 78. Four-times All England singles badminton champion, he led the British-ruled Malaya to victories in the Thomas Cup in 1949, 1951, 1952 and 1955. Willi Daume, Olympic official, died Frankfurt, 20 May, aged 83. An International Olympic Committee member 1956-91; vice-president 1972-76. Instrumental in bringing the Olympic Games to Munich in 1972. Joseph Weingarten, pianist and teacher, died 7 April, aged 85. Studied under Zoltan Kodály in Budapest, came to England in 1934, and played extensively with many orchestras. A teacher

for 20 years at Trinity College of Music and Birmingham School of Music. William Carter, soldier, died 18 May, aged 88. During the Second World War was chief engineer of the First Army for the Normandy invasion. As Canal Zone governor 1960-62, ordered desegregation there.

### BIRTHS

BRUMMIT: On 23 May, to Shona (nee Vickery) and Peter, a daughter, Laurie Shona Barbara, sister to Ben-

### DEATHS

BARNARD: Eileen, of Blackheath, Lyndon, aged SO, much-loved moth-er of Hilary, and adored grand-mother of Kale and Alexander, died peacefully at Clevedon, Somerset, on 18 May, Service Friday 31 May at 11am at Honor Oak Crematorium, Brenchley Gurdens, Forest Hill, Lon-don SE23, No florist flowers, Dona-tions to Friends of the Earth.

BAUM: Karl, died peacefully at home 22 May, Deeply mourned by his wife Margot, Cremation Sunday 26 May 11.30 Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, NW11, No flowers please, Donation if desired to British

ORUS STEVENS: Emily Rose on 18 May in a car accident aged 19. Much-

### ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh visit Heathrow Amport. Lundon, to mark its 50th auniversary and the redevelopment of Terminal Two. The Princess Royal, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the County of Sectional visits. embly of the Church of Scotland, visits Rusyth Parish Church, Rosyth, Fife, visits McLean Primary School, Dunfermline, vis-its Donaldsons College, West Coates, Ed-

# Births, Marriages & Deaths

lowed youngest daughter of Judith and Jesis, sister of Ximena and Gabriel-la and granddaughter of Peggy, Pri-vate funeral, Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, Chelsea on 5 June at 2pm. All are wel-

Announcements for Gazette BIRTHS.
MARRIAGES & DEATHS (Births, Adoptions, Marriages, Deaths, Memorial services. Wedding anniversaries, In Memoriami should be sent in writing to the Gazette Editor, The Independent. 1 Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E1-45DL, telephoned to 0171-293 2011 or laxed to 0171-293 2010, and are charged

inturgh, visits Lady Haig's Poppy Factory, the Royal British Legion, Edinburgh, and visits & Nimian's Church, Dunfermanc. Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham; 1st Butation Irish Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Coldstream Guards.

### Birthdays Sir James Anderton, former Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, 64;

Stanley Baxter, comedian, 68; Sir Timothy Bevan, former chairman, Barclays Bank, 69: Professor Sir Paul Bramley, oral surgeon, 73; Mr Keith Budge, Headmaster, Loretto School, 39; Lord Campbell of Alloway QC, 79; Mr Eric Cantona, footballer. 30; Mr Leycester Columan, Ambassador to Colombia, 58; Sir Richard Curis, High Court judge, 63; Sir Roden Culler VC. diplomat, 80; Mr Bob Dylan, singer, 55; Mr Peter Grilliths MP, 68; Miss Kathleen Hale, children's author and illustrator, 98; Dame Joan Hammond, soprano, 84; Mr Robert Hastie. Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan, 63; Sir Terence Heiser, former senior civil servant, 64; Sir Derek Hodgson, former High Court judge, 79; Baroness Hollis of Heigham, Senior Fellow, Modern History, University of East Anglia, 55; Mr Clifford Irving, former Chairman. Isle of Man Government, 82; Mr Christopher Jackson, former MEP, chairman, CIA Consultants, 61; Mr D.V. Jennings, solicitor, 78; Mr James Levine. conductor, 53; Col John Mayo, Di-

rector-General, Help the Aged, 65; Mr Adrian Moorhouse, swimmer, 32;

Mr Tony Mullett, former directorgeneral, National Criminal Intelli-gence Service, 63; Mr Steven Norris MP. Minister for Transport in London, 51; Mr Richard Ottaway MP, 51; Mr Luke Rittner, former Secretary-General, Arts Council, 49; St. Edmund Sargant, solicitor, 90; Sir Christopher Staughton, a Lord Jus-tice of Appeal, 63; Mr William Trevor, writer, 68; Mr Arnold Wesker, playwright, 64.

### Anniversaries

Births: Gabriel Daniel Fahrenheit, inventor of the mercury thermometer, 1686; Jean-Paul Marat, politician and physician, 1743; William Whewell, philosopher and writer, 1794; Victoria, Queen and Empress, 1819; Robert Bontine Cuminghame Graham, writer and politician, 1852; Sir Ernest Albert Waterlow, water-colour painter, 1850; Admiral Prince Louis Mountbatten, 1854; Sir Arthur Wing Pinero. playwright, 1855; Jan Christiaan Smuts, soldier and statesman, 1870; Suzanne Lenglen, tennis player, 1899: George Formby (William Hoy Booth), singer and co-median, 1904; Mai Elisabeth Zetterling, actress and film-maker, 1925.

Deaths: David I, King of Scots, 1153; Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer, 1543; Robert Cecil, first

Earl of Salisbury, statesman, 1612; conscription began in Britain, 1916; William Hamilton (of Gibertsfield), poet, 1751; George Brydges, first Baron Rodney, admiral, 1792; William Crockford, clubman and pambler, 1844; Jame Porter, novelist, 1950. Nillian (1964) the British Legion was founded, 1921; Amy Johnson landed at Port Darwin after flying from London, 1930; Empire Day was renamed Commonwealth Day, 1959. Today is 1850; William Lloyd Garrison, abothe Feast Day of St David I of Scotland, Saints Donatian and Rogatian, St Nicetas of Pereaslay and St Vinlitionist, 1879; Samuel Palmer, land-scape painter, 1881; John Foster Dulles, statesman, 1959; Bernard cent of Lerins. Rogers, composer, 1968; Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington, musi-cian, 1974; Jack Warner (Waters), ac-Lectures

National Gallery: Cotin Wiggins, "Creative Copies (iv): Rembrandt and Tiepolo, The Deposition", 1pm. tor and variety artiste, 1981; Hermione Ferdinanda Gingold, ac-tress, 1987; Hamish Hamilton, pub-lisher, 1988; Lord Wilson of Rievauk Tate Gallery: Clement Page, "Bruce Nauman and the Morphology of (John Harold Wilson), statesman, the Art Object", 1pm. 1995. On this day: Malcolm IV became king of Scotland, 1153; Lambert Simnel, pretender to the English Victoria and Albert Museum: Sarah Searight, "The Arts of the World of Islam: the Iranian world", 2.30pm. throne, was crowned in Dublin, 1487; Dartmoor Prison was opened Leicester University: John Schofield, "Reaching the Parts that History can-not Reach; rescue archaeology and to house French prisoners of war, 1809; Samuel Morse sent his first telegraphic message in his code from Washington to Baltimore, 1844; Westminster Bridge across the urban history", 12.45pm.

### Luncheons

Ministry of Defence Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge, Chief of the Defence Staff, was host yes-terday at a huncheon given by the Ministry of Defence in Admiralty House, Whitehall, London SW1, in Chief of the Defence Staff German Inner Temple Armed Forces.

Lord High Commissioner The Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Princess Royal, gave a dinner yesterday at Holyroodhouse. Among those present were:

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Mr Donald Cameron and Lady Cecil
Cameron; Ms Ian Cayton; Dr and Mrs John
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Davies; Mr and Mrs Brian Hammond; Mr
Geraldine Pencock; Professor Chris Rojek; Mr
and Mis Alistair Robertson; The Rev and Mrs
Thin Scott; Dr and Mrs Andrew Weir; Professor and Mrs Bryan Williams; Mr and Mrs
Cofit Williams.

Leeds Philharmonic Society The Countess of Harewood, President of the Leeds Philharmonic Society, was host of a dinner held yesterday evening at the Civic Hall, Leeds, to celebrate the 125th an-

### niversary of the society. Calls to the Bar

Lincoln's Inn

Howard David Ashky Scott; Abdul Rahim Marican; Ray Anthony Williams, Sean Finn; Jenemy David Garrood; Martin John Mulgrew, Lee Figgest; Robert William Newcombe; Dr Colin Brian Seymour; David Peter Davies; Madeleide Clark, honour of General Hartmut Bagger,

Palanisppan Narayanan; Amanda Jayne Me-Crosy; Alexia Gertrude Anlao; Tublu Kr-ishendu Mukherjee; James Silvio Canepa: Christopher Bound Austur; Rosalven Cultus. Middle Temple

Michael Brendan Browne; William John Morris; Dr Kevin Holland-Elliant, Philip James Relly, Paul Edward Wightman; Karina Krishna Khubchand-Daswant; Alison Caire Wetherfield; Paul Anthony Cauffield; Feargal Padraig O'Duthghaill; Lorrame Ann O'Sullivan; Sean O'Dunovan; Alison Limbey; John Joseph Luce; John Joseph Lucey.

### Gray's Inn

Andrew Francis Manshall; David John James, Timothy John Howard; Christian William Philip Roe Evans; Stefan Alexander Hires Roy; Francesca Petra Denning Wiley; Karen Rose Molloy; Charles Rory Mylas; Robert William Trevor Beel; John Christopher Me-Cruddea; Nicholas Mark Tuttow; Chi Keung Wilfred Tutt

### Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be betats of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 8.42pm.

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# Make way for the lollipop lady with the logo

act, children: your prosperity depends on the cumulative performance of private lattice performance of private companies, importing, exporting, buying and selling, advertising and sponsoring resource packs for schools. Children need to learn that lesson, their livelihoods will depend on it. Sponsorship in education, as in health, is not just inevitable, it is welcome - especially if it breeds better understanding of the mainsprings of material advance.

Schools ought to be preparing children for life with Cadbury's, Halifax and Tesco. There is no other way. We live in, and they are growing up into, a corporate culture. Schools, parents, common sense ought to arm them to discriminate, to read subtexts. Most children are indeed robust consumers. They surf in a sea of signs and images with an aplomb that adults can only envy. They define "cool". Hard sells in school and company logos all over the playground just won't work. What was striking in some of the examples in yesterday's report from the National Consumer Council was the crudity of the messages in companies' material for schools compared with, say, their television advertising. Such disparities are not lost on most children.

They may be on teachers' and consumer groups. Too many of those entrusted with the formation of tomorrow's consumers and employees find the facts of economic life unpalatable. Call it capitalism or private enterprise,

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the system, the one and only system, depends upon company performance. So: to cross the road under the supervision of a iollipop man or woman whose mac bears a logo; to travel to the school playing fields in a minivan given by a company gift; to consult a doctor whose pen set bears the name of a leading pharmaceutical company: there is nothing counter-cultural about any of that. Sponsorship is fine, provided certain principles of public service are not undermined and children or vulnerable patients are not treated as a captive audience to be seduced or lied to.

The problem with the Tory approach to bringing the private and public sectors together, through the Private Finance Initiative, for example, has been twofold. One, it has been dogmatic; and two, it has rested on a yearslong campaign to belittle the ethic of public service. What government ministers have failed to realise is that the stronger the values and conventions that underpin the state, the more secure and welcome is likely to be the marriage of public purpose and private money.

Education and health care are not backwaters, distant from the mainstream of life. Education is preparation; health care is restoration. Neither the classroom nor the surgery is isolated from the world. Too many graduates of the schools and the universities stumble blinking into daylight ill-equipped to find or make work for



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themselves. Which is not to advocate narrow vocationalism - in the modern economy it would be dysfunctional. It is, however, to lay a serious charge at the door of teachers and professors.

They could start to change for the better by being a lot less starchy about the business of sponsorship. What teacher worth his or her salt could not turn - one of the NCC's examples—a crude advert by a chocolate-maker into an exciting lesson about business, mass communications or dental hygiene? Problems clearly arise if all the teacher has to go on is sponsored material. The limiting case is where a pristine public purpose

(say, teaching the national curriculum) can only be carried out thanks to unpredictable private donations. The key test for sponsorship, as for the Government's Private Finance Initiative, is whether it is additional money.

There is no point pretending that there is some golden rule identifying, say, a minimum unit cost per pupil, or per patient: that is not how public finance works in a parliamentary democracy working with annual budgets. There exists, none the less, a notional minimum necessary to pay for decent levels of provision. Private sponsorship must bolt on to this, not substitute for

acceptable on the periphery. A school that cannot pay for science textbooks out of its budget is in trouble; a school that gets industry to sponsor the crossing patrol outside (or organises a rota of parents) has broken no principle. Spotting the point at which the prin-

ciple of adequacy is breached won't always be easy. The work of general practitioners is already cross-hatched by pharmaceutical company payments; GPs get freebies, gifts and what not. As a result, we know that the NHS drugs bill is bigger than it need be, but we know, too, that the British pharmaceutical industry is still world-class. Would it be outrageous if, as the Department of Health is now pondering, GPs' nurses were sponsored? The answer is probably not. The services provided by GPs are already diverse. As this week's Audit Commission report found, some are using the freedom of fundholding to good effect. Nurse sponsorship might have the effect of further differentiating community medicine. Down that road lies increased inequality of provision. Sooner or later that becomes dangerous in a service the essence of which is predictable standards of service for all comers.

Only a hair-shirt puritan (they still exist in numbers in the trade unions and the health and education hierarchies) objects to the principle of sponsorship. It is the practice that needs watching. It

it. Thus it is always going to be most becomes worrisome if it leads to unacceptable variation in basic standards of public service provision. Health and education are not homogeneous; they can and ought to differ in local circumstances. Sponsorship ought to be part of that "natural" variation. But parents in Devizes and Davyhulme, like patients in Barking and Bassetlaw, retain a right to expect uniformity in the core of what schools and doctors provide.

### Bad manners

Offended by some breach of motor-way etiquette, a driver leaps from his Land Rover and stabs the offender through the heart. That is not how the people who drive Land Rovers used to behave. To this extent, Dr Digby Anderson, of the Social Affairs Unit, is right. Manners are declining.

So what's the solution from the Digby School of Etiquette? Polish your shoes - it will teach you self-discipline. Urinate only in public toilets marked Ladies," or "Gentlemen" (never Men or Women). As for dress codes: no suits in supermarkets, no tracksuits on trains, and no denim jeans anywhere.

Doesn't Digby realise that so much outfit changing requires the clean clothes and free time that only an unpaid wife can facilitate? Such desirable creatures are now as rare as common sense in a Social Affairs Unit pamphlet.

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



This morning the British ambassador handed a note to the German government, stating that unless we heard from them by eleven o'clock, a state of war would exist between us. I have to tell you that no such undertaking has been received'

### for a progressive graduate tax, so that those who earn more after graduation pay back more than those who earn less, but I am not convinced that she (and the

Labour Party) goes far enough. Why not "invite" all living graduates to contribute towards a graduate tax? Those of us who had a privileged higher education in the days before student loans were invented have also had the personal benefits from this, financial and cultural.

Sir:Yvette Cooper is right to argue

In my 26 years as a university teacher, I have never seen such a large segment of students in really crippling financial circumstances a now. It has moved far beyond the odd hard case or feckless beer drinker to hitting the majority of students severely. ZANDER WEDDERBURN

Sir. Labour's proposed student loan system could and should be improved. When I was a student a Berkeley and Harvard in the late 1960s and early 1970s I, like many of my friends, took out at least one student loan, to be repaid once we had graduated, entered employment and were earning well above the level of the minimum wage.

At that time the best-known feature of the Federal student loan programme was that if you became a teacher you only had to pay back half the loan. For a political party that claims to give high priority to education, adopting a similar approach would be little more than common sense. GEOFFREY PERRET Beverley, East Yorkshire

Sir: It seems that the Labour Party has based its policy on student maintenance on the assumption that all students are just out of school, with a lifetime of work ahead of them. Will students graduating in their forties, fifties, sixties or even seventies be given 20 years to pay back their loans? ANDREW BELSEY University of Wales

### British Council: a selective judge

Sir: Those in the private sector who labour to promote Britain and the English language overseas know the British Council to be rather more of a restrictive censor than a conduit for contemporary British culture and ideas.

Sir John Hanson's comment ("Cultural ambassadors face curb on global crusade", 21 May) that the profile of the British Council z a "a very small one in Britain" is a telling one. The Council imposes its own selective judgement on taste and standards, representing only organisations and activities that it "recognises".

The Council promotes its own view of what British culture should be and not the culture that actually exists in this changing society. To most people in Britain the British Council is simply a rather vague overseas operation which basks in the reflected glory of the past.

The Council does not have a monopoly on high-mindedness: in the private sector we feel very confident in promoting Britain as an integral part of our business interests, which in my case include language and management training in Britain and internationally. We work to encourage tourists and students to come to Britain in order to learn and enjoy our country and its language. This is the real world of creating export earnings, ensuring cultural relevance and

representing Britain as it is. The Council's £131m government grant would be better spent on the artistic and cultural fabric of Britain: on theatre

companies and galleries, on the film industry and the environment. The work of promoting Britain should be left to those who are the

true representatives of British contemporary culture, language and history; those who "market" Britain professionally and with integrity and who are happy to take the financial risk as well as the reward attached to their work. Rather this than an unaccountable, self-proclaimed arbiter of taste. **ROWAN CARSTAIRS** Managing Director General Education Group

Guildford, Surrey Sir: Your leader article of 21 May ("Wanted: a modern British patriotism") regrettably does not describe the British Council I saw in operation last year at the 1995 Beijing Conference for Women. The Council there represented a place where women overseas could go to learn who was doing what in their field in Britain.

The Council I saw was clear that its task was to bring, in this case, women together across international boundaries to share experiences for the mutual benefit of all parties, Britain included. It is a great pity that it is so hard to put a price on the social and political benefits of international learning and exchange.

The Foreign Office exists to sell Britain as politicians want others to see us. The DTI exists to promote what we produce. The British Council's work is different: it is as much about learning from

others as marketing our own cultural heritage. We gain respect overseas by presenting ourselves honestly and as a country with something to learn from cultural exchange. From what I saw in China, the British Council understands that very well. SARAH BOOTH West Kirby, Merseyside

### Prison regimes at risk

Sir: The saddest feature of the current prison scene so powerfully described by Polly Toynbee ("How long before Howard's prisons burst?", 22 May) is that, until the last year or so, the Prison Service

was making tremendous progress. Jails today are unrecognisable from the conditions obtained in the late 1980s. The Service deserves much greater public recognition than it has ever received for the speed with which recommendations in the Woolf report were implemented. And performance since the Prison Service became an agency has been first-rate, notwithstanding the obsessive interference of

Home Office Ministers. Much of this is now at risk. It is inconceivable that prison regimes can be maintained when the prison population is rising so fast, and when perhaps one-tenth of the Service's staff will lose their jobs over the next three years. Indeed, the Prison Service's newlypublished Corporate Plan reveals that the average time prisoners

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spend in purposeful activity has already fallen by four per cent. STEPHEN SHAW Prison Reform Trust

### Retailers' power over fair pay

Sir: Tim McGirk is right to point out that in many instances workers in the Indian garments industry, like Mohammed Hassan, are by local standards comparatively petter off than workers in alternative industries ("Where hope

begins with slave wages", 20 May). This also applies to neighbouring Bangladesh and its mainly female garment industry workforce. However, this is no reason not to work towards improving Mr Hassan's life and the lives of the millions of other garment industry workers vorldwide.

The employment rights of garments workers in the informal sector are issues which could be addressed through localised overnment reforms and egislation - retailers, suppliers, manufacturers, governments and the international community all have a part to play in the fight for garments workers' basic rights.

Far from calling for industry to stop buying clothes from factories with bad working conditions, Oxfam wants positive action to improve and strengthen the industry in India and elsewhere.

Retailers such as Marks and Spencer, who this week have announced such a strong increase in profits over the past year, hold the economic power in the supply chain. They are being positively challenged to take steps which could vastly improve workers' basic rights - steps which would require only a relatively small amount of extra attention and extra expenditure.

It is time for the retailers to prove they care as much for the basic rights of the workers as for the growth of their already substantial profit margins. MICHELLE STRATFORD Oxform UK and Ireland

### Other people's religions

Sir: In your excerpt from the sermon preached by Professor Akbar Ahmed in Selwyn College Chapel ("Two religions, one set of challenges", 20 May), you report him as saying, "A basic knowledge of Islam could be taught in Western schools so that children do not grow up in ignorance of it...Conversely, Western values, like democracy, need to be explained in Muslim schools."

Surely Professor Ahmed has his ideas mixed up. If a basic knowledge of Islam is to be taught in non-Muslim schools, then it is a basic knowledge of Christianity that should be taught m Muslim schools. The Rev K P BULLOCK Penrhyn Bay, Gwynedd

### Paying for world monuments

Sir: In his article ("Clinging to the Wreckage", 10 May) about the World Monuments Watch – a programme of the World Monuments Fund in New York launched with support of \$5m over five years from American Express - Adrian Dannatt is mistaken about how this grant is being used. He writes that the sum "must have been eaten up by organisational and marketing costs" and by 'hungry journalists ". In fact, of American Express's

grant of \$5m, 90 per cent (\$4.5m) is designated for and restricted to grants to historic sites. Only the balance will be used by the World Monuments Fund for administrative expenses, including

those of public relations. The World Monuments Watch was designed to identify one hundred historic sites each year as the most imperilled in the world and make possible new funding for as many of these sites as possible. The list has been envisioned to serve as a call to action to encourage corporations, government agencies and foundations worldwide to come to the aid of imperilled historic sites. No single organisation can save the world's cultural heritage, but the response we have witnessed so far to the World Monuments Watch programme gives us every reason to move ahead with optimism. **BONNIE BURNHAM** Executive Director World Monuments Fund New York

### Latin lovers

Sir: Paul Vallely writes of the "incense and Latin brigade", and says that the "fogcys" will be sad to know that Archbishop Kelly sometimes sings the whole Canon of the Mass in English ("A popular priest to incense the fogey brigade", 22 May). Perhaps he does not know that the documents of the second Vatican Council (which "liberals" are forever quoting), whilst permitting the use of the vernacular, expressly and explicitly state that the Latin language and the Latin liturgy should be preserved.

This position has been repeatedly upheld by every Pope since the Council, so we "fogeys" are in good company. It is precisely the failure to observe the clear intentions of the Council which has angered the "traditionalists" and caused the distressing rifts in the Church. It is indeed strange and amusing to see how the ecumenism of the "liberals" stops short abruptly when they are contemplating anyone within their own Church who takes a different view from their own.

G B SILBER London NI4

Sir. Paul Vallely implies that those who want Latin and incense in their worship are intransigent conservatives. I like Latin in my worship and English too if it is good English. I also like the use of the ancient symbol of worship called incense. Basil Hume said "every liturgy should have dignity, order, beauty, an awareness of the presence of God." Latin and incense help to provide these along with other languages and sacramentals. Liking them has nothing to do with being conservative or progressive. LAWRENCE SCOON Workington, Cumbria

# The right to divorce is more important than many civil liberties including freedom of speech and freedom to vote'

Polly Toynbee takes on Melanie Phillips and the traditionalists over divorce and the family



Melanie Phillips: 'It's easy to pillory people who believe in the value of self-restraint and altruism' Edward Sykes

Is the freedom to divorce destroying civil society, or is it more with the 'Observer', and Polly Toynbee of the 'Independent' letters on the subject.

Dear Polly,

It is odd to be writing this letbecause although we are both working mothers and for years colleagues at the Guardian, we now find ourselves on opposite sides in this great debate about the family. What makes it so explosive is that the family is about not living as an atomised individualistic culture which sets personal happiness as our highest goal. The family sets extremely inconvenient limits to that individualism. Most people still aspire to a traditional family life, in which they marry and raise their own children. But more and more people are rejecting the limitations of loyalty, fidelity, duty and responsibility that such a life entails.

You know as well as I do the statistics showing the burgeoning rates of divorce, cohabitation, babies born out of wedlock. These trends are to be regretted because of the damage they entail both to individuals and to our civic fabric. As these trends unfold, more and more commentators, acadebecoming players, through their fragmenting family. Partly for "the family isn't deteriorating, only changing" is not reached policy discussions about the family which lightly camouflage a justification of personal experience. It is a discussion that is ludicrously - politically polarised, with defenders of the traditional family pilloried as reactionaries. True, people like myself wish to "conserve" values and structures without which I think we cannot live in a civilised way. But that doesn't make us any more reactionary than those green con-servationists who wish to protect the physical environment from the depredations of selfish individualism. Being green is laudable: defending the moral ecol-

ogy is beyond the pale. My starting point has been the damage caused to most children by the fracturing of their home life. Of course, some children from intact families have troubled home lives. But children from fractured families do worse in every area of life, relatively speaking, than those from intact families. This has been amply demonstrated in research studies here and in the US. Yet I have seen this evidence regularly distorted and ignored by people who usually turn out to be justifying personal circumstances about which they feel guilty. "Do

parents to stay together?" an angry academic once asked me about advocates of the traditional family. His unprofessional tirade only became intelligible once I discovered that he was going through a messy and acrimonious divorce.

adults who want the freedom to live as they please and the interests of children who need stability, attachments and security. The idea that marriage break-up is good for children because it brings conflict to an end is demonstrably false. I don't believe that all marriages must endure whatever the circumstances. I am merely alarmed that people have become far too casual about relationships, that commitment has been redefined as a transitory arrangement which can be ended for adult convenience, without reference to the conafter divorce so long as adults behave in a civilised way. My mother was divorced

twice; I was brought up with assorted half-siblings and we all saw each other regularly. My father and his wife visited often. I think I had a rich and folfilling childhood with a father and stepfather, neither of whom counted much in comparison with my all-important mother. The structure of the family, as seen by politicians peering through the lace curtains, doesn't much matter. What matters is the quality of consistent love, care, attention and security the children grow up with.

Now you may say that it is more likely that a child will receive love and security from a stable family, with its two natural to force people to stay married? Unless you propose some moral Cromwellian revolution I do not sequences for children. Not all think you will persuade people to children from fragmented families are harmed, but the dice the desiny. Good people make hon-

'I am alarmed that people have become far too casual about relationships. The family sets highly inconvenient limits to our culture of individualism'

### Melanie Phillips

are loaded against them. I am est mistakes and as a result make concerned not just for them but one another miserable in bad for civic values that are learnt within the family. I believe that other people matter, that altruism is important and that duty and responsibility keep a civilised society together. These from a dispassionate examina- values no longer exist where tion of the evidence. Time after family life is junked in the to. It was achieved in the past by time, I have observed ostensible interests of individual fulfilment. To me, the unbridled self-interest unleashed by libertarian Tory economics finds its unacceptable mirror image in the social libertarianism of the fragmented family. With best wishes.

1 May 1996 Dear Melanie,

Over the years I have read your columns with growing surprise and, I must admit, often gnashing of teeth. Perhaps you are right to say that "moral decay" set in with Thatcherite selfishness. Perhaps the Tories are right in dating the "collapse of the family" from the libidinous 1960s. I don't know.

I doubt that couples entering marriage full of optimism or couples enduring the pain of divorce are busy examining their ideological credentials. It's a low blow to accuse your critics of using specious argu-ments to justify their own bad marital behaviour. For the record, I am a widow and was married to my husband for 22 years; like you and your husband, neither of us was ever divorced. But I draw on my own experience of divorce and family to offer a less alarmist view of how families can prosper

marriages. I regard their right to divorce as more important than many other civil liberties, from freedom of speech to the freedom to vote. Yoking the miserable together for eternity is a cruelty we will simply not return economic and social pressures, above all by shame - of a kind I hope we shall not see again. You suggest that those who

divorce are feckless sexual

adventurers who just want fun. fun, fun. All the evidence suggests otherwise. The best struggled through with little research (we can swap sociology until the cows come home) is from Professor Gwynn Davis's study of divorcing couples. He was struck by how much unhappiness people endured before deciding to part. The penalties for divorce are high - a man loses his home and daily contact with his children, they both lose a lot of money and the woman struggles to bring up children alone. And yet they do it, because the alternative is worse. Political energy should go into supporting children, not saving marriages. Marriage does not necessarily make good mothers, nor divorce make bad ones. In divorce there is a wide difference between children who do well and those who do badly, depending on whether they keep in touch with both parents, are protected from bitter rows and have enough love and security. Your energy would be better spent on finding ways to teach people to be

better parents, rather than try-

ing to get them to stay together.

Dear Polly,
As I recall, "fun, fun, fun" is precisely what you have so perconsequences for others which aren't so jolly. Divorce does not merely liberate people who are dreadfully unhappy. It sanctions opportunistic behaviour including walking out on the family in pursuit of personal fulfilment, leaving behind a devastated soonse and children, or breaking up someone else's marriage.

Divorce should be available really are intolerable. But the problem is we're redefining intolerability to include the

merely less than perfect.
You hope shame is a thing of the past. But I think people should be ashamed if they cause pain and misery to other people. Are you really saying that if people cheat on their spouses, abandon their children or help to break up someone else's family they should feel no shame? That's tantamount to saying people should kiss goodbye to a moral sense.

I don't want to force people to stay married. Maybe the fragmenting family is an irre-versible social revolution. But it's being fuelled by the fantasy that people can have all the benefits of marriage without the hard work. To support children, we should support marriage - precisely the purpose for which it was invented.

With best wishes.

Dear Melanie

I can't help chuckling at your tone of voice. I feel like the bad girl called into the head's office to explain "fun". I detect in your writing a grim moral fortitude, in which this vale of tears is to be expectation of happiness. It is not the view of life I would wish to hand down to my children. I would urge them to reach out for more, because so much more is offered - great happiness, even

brief moments of unmixed joy. If I were unhappily married you would, I suppose, urge me to put up with it for the sake of the children. But they would then feel the weight of a loveless and quarrelsome marriage - a sad model for them, burdening them with the sense that they should be grateful to their unhappy parents for staying together.

In real life people rarely separate without great pain and years of unhappiness. Your picture of people casually sauntering out of marriages in search of instant sexual adventure is largely untrue. Yours ever,

6 May 1996 It's so easy to pillory people



self-restraint or altruism. So Dear Melanie. boring, isn't it, while you romantically buckle your swash. It is possible to have a good time and be responsible! Selfish behaviour causes pain and sometimes harm to vulnerable people and therefore people should think twice before behaving in such a way. Is that really so unacceptable to you? I'm staggered by your equation of responsibility with personal misery. I am concerned with the happiness of children: for most (not all) children in voluntarily disrupted families, being brought up without a father, or a succession of "fathers", is a recipe for maladiustment. With best wishes,

who believe in the value of 8 May 1996

Self-restraint and altruism are not boring: but they are sometimes misplaced. Lifetimes can be wasted in self-sacrifice that turns out to have done no one else much good. How much hot air is wasted in Parliament exhorting people to stay married - spitting in the wind of social change. They should be seeking practical remedies instead. Policy makers should give attention to the far more fruitful business of helping all children of divorce to do as well as the best. I think your grin and bear it message will go the way of Canute's feet and I'm tempted to send you a pair 4. galoshes.

With very best wishes. Polly.

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### Farewell to a jazz beacon ... and to part of my youth his week I was saddened to

hear the news of the departure of an American broadcaster whom I once venerated above all others. I refer not to Paul Gambaccini's move from Radio 3, but to the death of Willis Conover. Willis Conover, whose passing was not widely noted in the British press, worked for the Voice of America in the days when the Voice of America really was a beacon of light shining out into beleaguered Eastern Europe etc, back in

the Fifties and Sixties. He presented a programme every night called the Voice of America Jazz Hour. That's all he did. For an hour he played music from the latest jazz releases and talked a little and then said goodnight. He talked quite slowly, slower than Paul Gambaccini though not as slow as the most stately of all broadcasters, Alistair Cooke, because, for all Willis Conover knew, nobody he was talking to had English as their first

language.
Nobody in America knew who he was. You couldn't hear him in

America. The Voice of America did not shine its beacon of light and hope on the benighted American people. Only in the rest of the world was it heard.

So when Willis Conover walked the streets of Washington DC he walked unnoticed, but when he landed in Poland or Czechoslovakia he was met by huge crowds. He was, as the Herald Tribune noted the other day, the most famous American in the world, except in America, where he was unknown.

Forty years ago, when Soviet Communism seemed to have a healthy future and looked to be worth buying a few shares in, jazz was the music of protest, of the dissident shareholder. Rock n'roll was still only a juvenile delinquent noise but jazz had everything a rebel needed - it was dirty, clever, American, socially unacceptable, thrilling and mysterious.

In America, it was the music adopted by Jack Kerouac and the Beat Generation. In Europe it was the music adopted by people who murmured and thought rebellious



Miles Kington

Whoever had the idea of beaming the Voice of America Jazz Hour to Europe was a genius, because when Willis Conover came on the air and said that he would now play the latest Horace Silver LP, millions of people all over Europe knew they were about to listen not just to Horace Silver but to something free, something unobtainable, something forbidden. So when Willis Conover came to

Poland to take part in jazz festivals, he was greeted by thousands of cheering Poles as a hero, thus baffling the Polish and American governments simultaneously.

For a time it was even against the law in Russia to listen to the programme, and the same was nearly true in the Kington household in

The VOA Jazz Hour didn't start until lipm, or midnight when the

clocks changed, so I had to stay awake a long time to hear it. I would switch on my wireless very softly, and with the speaker right next to my ear, I would hear the end of the previous programme and the pregnant announcement; "This is AFN Munich". (It took me years to work out that that stood for American Forces Network.) Then a pause, then Willis Conover saying "This is Willis Conover in Washington DC with the Voice of America Jazz Hour . Than an hour of bliss. Then sleep, and a haggard late rising, and my parents threatening to take my radio away if I

didn't go to sleep earlier ... It was through Willis Conover that I heard my first Thelonious Monk, and Horace Silver, and Bill Evans, and Art Blakey, and Gerry Mulligan, and Miles Davis, and all those guys who in the late Fifties were ahead of everyone. I couldn't believe my luck, Every

which were just out in the American shops, so fresh that they wouldn't be available in Britain for

months yet.
When I first went to university. as the Sixties dawned, I may have been the first person in the UK to hear via Willis Conover the sounds of the bossa nova, as pioneered on the Stan Getz LP Jazz Samba. The impact on me was delirious. I bored everyone silly with talking about it, but as they had no idea what I was talking about, they drifted away from my presence

A year later Jazz Samba came out in Britain, and one track, "Desafinado", even hit the charts. My friends were ecstatic. They thought it was great.

"This is the stuff I was telling you about last year," I moaned, with all the impact of Billy Bunter announcing the imminent arrivit of a postal order. Happy days.

And now Willis Conover is dead. and so is a chunk of my youth. Thanks for all that jazz, Willis, and sorry I never wrote to say so.

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# Firms need to wise up to their intellectual assets

There are valuable resources inside people's heads – but companies must learn how to retain them

The past few days have seen a sudden surge in the share price of high-technology companies. Just yesterday one such company, BTG, reported a loss of more than £2m, but the price of the shares rose on the news that it had negotiated 52 licensing agreements. The company owns the know-how for products that range from a new gearbox being tested by Toyota and Ford, through a rheumatoid arthritis peptide now entering clinical trials, to daily disposable contact lenses licensed to Bausch & Lomb, Anyone who bought the shares a year ago when the company came to market would have seen the value of the investment rise sevenfold.

Now one can dismiss this as an example of the power of fashion in financial markets, the "animal spirits" noted by Lord Keynes, and I guess there is something in that But it is also testimony to the value that markets put on ideas, for the worth of this firm is in the intellectual property it has developed. of human capital. I spent a day at its The assets, measured in conven-

the real assets are what goes on in quarter of the company's market people's heads.

But companies, in the main, are terribly bad at realising that they have to manage these assets. Two examples. I was talking, some months back, with the personnel department of one of the world's giant oil companies. They pointed out that if one added up the salaries they would pay to each year's crop of graduate trainees through the whole of their careers, the annual investment commitment they were making would be at least \$3bn. Even for them that was a lot of money. The amount of time and thought they would put into investment in physical capital of that size was enormous. Yet each year they committed themselves to this investment in human capital with a tiny fraction of that thought.

The other example is a Swedish insurance company, Skandia, which has probably gone as far as any in ing and trying to build its stock offices last month, where it was tional accounting terms of prop-erty, factories and so on, are tiny; ical assets were equivalent to only a

value, no less than three-quarters of the value must lie in intellectual property. So the company had a fidu-ciary duty to shareholders to manage the three-quarters just as effectively as it managed the quarter.

How a company applies this ratio-nale is of course another matter. Both these companies were at least trying to develop these non-physical assets and that is wholly to their credit. But we have all seen firms that proclaim in their advertisements and annual reports how important their employees are - and then proceed to "down-size", sacking half of them. "Downsizing" was an American invention and has been duly imported to the UK. But before you think this is a phenomenon unique to Anglo-Saxon economies, note that the country in which downsizing is currently happening most savagely is Germany, where there is tremendous concern that companies are getting rid of their most experienced employees in an

effort to cut costs. Indeed, throughout the developed world there is this curious paradox: intellectually, companies



HAMISH MCRAE

Companies proclaim employees' importance - then 'downsize'

accept that the knowledge and experience of their staff is an important asset, yet in practice, when faced with the need to cut costs, they usually end up paying redundancy fees to get rid of these assets.

The willingness of companies to get rid of people is echoed in their willingness to dispose of business divisions. The nagging doubt that many people have had about the wisdom of aggressive downsizing has

recently been reinforced by the recantation by one of its chief advocates, Stephen Roach,

As our sister paper, the Independent on Sunday, reported earlier this month, Mr Roach, chief economist at New York investment bankers Morgan Stanley, now believes that the relentless cost-cutting of American corporations was bad for business. "If you compete by building, you have a future," he said. "If you compete by cutting, you don't." He added that "slash and burn" restruc-

turing was not a permanent solution.
Of course he is right. Trouble is, for many companies failure to cut costs would simply mean going out of business. This week, the new chief executive of Daimler-Benz, Jürgen Schrempp, survived an angry shareholders' meeting, thanks to the fact that since he had taken over in May he had shut down or sold most of its loss-making divisions. He had closed AEG, disposed of Fokker, and was about to sell the holding in Dornier. That was slash

and burn with a vengeance. But at least Daimler-Benz made this decision on the basis of hard

financial figures. When companies downsize their headcount, they do so on the basis of fewer measured facts. This gives a clue to the seeming paradox that they know what they ought to do, but none the less

frequently do the opposite. The conventional explanation. advanced by people who for whatever reason are suspicious of the market system, is that financial markets are too short-termist: they demand good quarterly results and care little about the long-term health of the company. This view, popular in the Sixties and Seventies when it was used as an argument for state intervention, has recently enjoyed a

new burst of popularity. But examples such as BTG surely point in the other direction: that financial markets are prepared to put very high values on firms that develop their human capital. Often investors can be very "long-termist" in their perceptions, because they are happy to back companies with good long-term prospects, even though in the short term these are

I think the better explanation is

that most companies are still very bad at measuring and developing human capital. They don't know what they have got, and they have poor mechanisms for measuring and rewarding employees' performance. They value political skills, promoting people who are good at presenting ideas (or taking the credit for them), rather than the people who do the work. Because they don't know the real value of their people, they reward them in a haphazard way; and when it comes to curbing costs, they frequently get rid of the wrong people. They do this, not because they are stupid (though they may be); they do it because they have not developed the tools to enable them to be intelligent.

This is surely a much more important debate than the one about shorttermism. It is an international concern, not a domestic one. The commercial world knows a great deal about running physical assets well; it can run car factories or supermarkets with great efficiency. But it is only just beginning to learn how to manage human assets; how best to

Lord Taylor is retiring, but the constitutional struggle between judges and government will continue – even under Labour

# This fight will go to 15 rounds

here will be sighs of relief among Con-servative politicians notably Michael Howard, the Home Secretary - that fresh talent is poised to take over two of the most senior judicial posts in the land. The retirement of Lord Taylor from his post as Lord **W**iief Justice will cause regret among many in the Establishment, not least because ill health has forced him to retire early. But the Chief has become a thorn in the side of the Government, as testified by his caustic attack yesterday in the House of Lords on Mr Howard's plans to introduce mandatory heavier sentencing inquiry into the Strangeways for a range of repeat offenders.

Ministers will hope that those judges who are now expected to win advancement give them an easier time. Mr Howard will certainly be aiming to cool the war of attrition he has fought with the judiciary since he took over as Home Secretary three years ago. Those hopes centre first on Sir Thomas Bingham, the Master of the Rolls, who is expected to be named as the new Lord Chief today. After all, he has been far more restrained than Lord Taylor in airing his views on the sentencing issue. He is also remembered for giving Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, the benefit of the doubt over the use of public interest immunity in the armsto-Irao affair.

The other name in the frame is the liberal Lord Woolf, who is due to return from the House Lords to take over the vacated position of Master of muster against a written con-



No successor will bring back judicial conservatism

the Rolls. While famed for his riots, which painted such a poor picture of prison conditions, he is not given, ministers might comfort themselves, to the kind of confrontational approach that made Lord Taylor so difficult to handle.

Nevertheless, it would be a serious mistake to assume that Lord Taylor's retirement marks a ceasefire between the judges and government. Anti-Establishment in their own, differing ways, neither of today's expected appointers should be expected to usher in an era of judicial conservatism.

The reason for the fact that conflict will continue to rage lies at the very beart of the British system of law and government. Unlike in the United States, there is no strict separation of powers in the UK between the judiciary, the legislature and the executive. Nor is there is a supreme court to test whether legislation passes

stitution or bill of rights. In practice this means that the three strands of public administration - the courts, the government and parliament invariably find themselves at odds, straining at boundaries between them that are set by no more than convention. Therefore, a significant section of the judiciary, law lords past and esent, legitimately but contentiously enter the parliamentary debate.

Quite apart from the structural instability in the constitution, there is no reason to believe that either of today's appointees will shrink from showing judicial creativity alongside an unquestioned judicial independence. Both Bingham and, through a root-and-branch review of the civil justice system, Lord Woolf have put their fingers on the nightmare that is represented by pursuing disputes through the courts, the costs of which have become, to quote Sir Thomas, "scandalous

Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, wants to press ahead with breaking down the Bar's last great monopoly of exclusive rights of audience in the Crown Courts. In Sir Thomas he is likely to find an ally. Sir Thomas has already demonstrated his ability to stand up to the massed ranks of his own profession. Such firm judicial hands will be needed as large numbers of lawvers squirm and protest at attacks on their traditional ways of doing things.

Sir Thomas has already evoked the ire of the Daily Mail for suggesting that judges might formulate new privacy rights for individuals if gov-

ernment failed to do so. Both he and Lord Woolf have called for the European Convention on Human Rights to be incorporated into UK law, a move that Sir Thomas, a dissenter in the Spycatcher fiasco, has said would restore Britain to its former place as an international standard-bearer of lib-

when it is in the public interest for the courts to scrutinise official decisions. Neither of these towering figures can be expected to be bothered about upsetting the Conservatives. They cannot be assumed to be Tories (Lady Bingham campaigned for the Liberal Democrats at the last election) nor do they fit neatly, or much at all, into the kind of conservative legal Establishment that governments, of whatever political colour, always crave. Both would be as

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with power to initiate and

sponsor judicial review cases

Labour government as they would from a Conservative one. Once the Labour Party gains

ower, however, the battles between government and judiciary are likely to be of a different kind to the onslaught delivered yesterday by Lord Taylor. Labour's Lord Chancellor in waiting, Lord Irvine, has adopted the most restrictive view possible on the role of judges in challenging official decisions. In a recent speech he attacked Lord Woolf for breaking the constitutional imperative of judicial self-restraint.

He levelled similar criticisms against Sir John Laws, a high court judge, who, like Woolf, is a former Treasury counsel with long experience of acting for governments. Even the left-ofcentre judge Sir Stephen Sed-ley has been chastised by Lord Irvine for suggesting that the subject to some higher set of fundamental principles.

Lord Irvine offers a spirited defence for his championing of parliamentary supremacy: that



reaffirmed his commitment to incorporating the European Convention on Human Rights into British law, he has attacked the way that the European judges decide cases brought under its terms. That leads to a conclusion that things are

he is radical politician, not a going to get worse between judicial radical. While he has ministers and judges before they get better. The source of the problem lies in Lord Irvine's judicial philosophy. which rests on the belief that legislative, executive and judicial functions of government are distinct and separate.

We can be assured that in the

absence of better mechanisms cials under a Labour government will not be tossing away their copies of The Judge Over Your Shoulder, the Whitehall document on how to avoid the judicial lions' den, for a long time to come.



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# **Expert advice from Cowboy and Co**

The Government is cynically failing to protect immigrants

against fraudulent 'consultants', writes Bernie Grant

Tohn Bulled, a convicted sex attacker posing as an immigration expert, was jailed for eight years in April for raping women who sought his advice. He had lured his victims by advertising an immigration legal service in the

newspapers. Many of my constituents, expecting proper legal advice and representation, have paid hundreds of pounds to bogus "advice services" and "consultancies". The standard of work done by these organisations is appalling. Letters to the Home Office are full of spelling mistakes and crude, ungrammatical English. I repeatedly see cases where vital representations have not been made or where the advice given is wrong. In some, false information has deliberately been given to the Home Office without the

client's knowledge.
The results can be catastrophic. Often there is very little a good immigration solicitor can do to mend the damage caused by bogus advisers. Bogus advisers easily disap-

pear without trace to set up

another area. Their clients have no means of redress. One of my constituents, a young Nigerian, approached a "consultancy" for help. He was told not to worry,

his case would be sorted out. He found himself arrested and facing deportation. A friend tried to contact the so-called consultant. He found the office closed down with no forwarding address or telephone number. A Jamaican woman was

under a different name in

charged £250 for the handling of an entry clearance application for her husband. Not only was the application filed incorrectly but the "consultant" failed to give her important advice about immigration rules. Another Jamaican woman

was shocked when an advice service actually lied about her daughter's case in a letter to Immigration. This mess had long-term consequences, as it proved difficult to convince immigration that she was not responsible for the false infor-

mation given. There are some ethnic minority consultants who specialise in exploiting their own ethnic group. They pretend to have superior understanding and sympathy because of shared culture or common language and play on people's instincts to trust their own

Typically, cowboy organi-sations demand a substantial sum of money on account before agreeing to take a case. Later they say the case will succeed only if further representations, and further payments, are made. They can often sound very plausible to a lay person who will rarely have the confidence to challenge an expert. And of course it is in these advisers'

Not all immigration consul-

mum standards of education and training in this field. Last year the High Court granted an asylum seeker the right to reapply because of the poor handling of his original application. Mr Justice Sedley pointed out that the court was familiar with the injury to the

rights of applicants caused by unqualified immigration advisers; he stated that a system of control would be to the advantage of all concerned in immigration cases. interests to drag the case out as long as possible to make

The Home Affairs Select Committee has recommended the registration of immigration and asylum advice agencies. The Law Society and the Immigration Law Practitioners Association are in favour. The Government knows of the

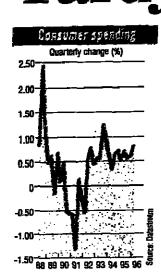
need to improve the standard of immigration advice offered to vulnerable people and provide a complaints system. Registration schemes operate in other countries: Australia, for example, has a Migration Agents Registration Scheme, which has operated a legally ones and the bad. Hence the binding code of conduct since

Yet the Government bas now refused to implement a registration scheme of any kind. In answer to a recent parliamentary question. the Home Office minister Timothy Kirkhope bluntly informed me he had "no plans" to do so. As the Government clamps down on immigration in the run-up to the election. it suits its interests if there is little expert help available for those who fall foul of its removal and deportation drive. Exploitative immigration advisers have become an integral part of a system that is shoddy, inhumane and a

The writer is Labour MP for

ghastly lottery.

# Tardy industry tarnishes consumer 'boomlet' Constants spending transfer change (%) DIANE COYLE Economics Editor Diane Coyle Economics Editor Diane Coyle Economics Editor The Coyle Economics Editor The Coyle Economics Editor The Coyle Economics Editor The Coyle Economics Editor



The gulf between the fortunes of consumers and industry is growing wider, according to new evidence yesterday. Growth in consumer spending in the first quarter of this year was at its highest, but manufacturing or-ders remained at their weakest, since the end of 1993.

The mixed figures meant there was no risk of higher inflation in the near future, analysts said. "The day of pressure for an increase in base rates has been postponed further," said Simon Briscoe, an economist at City bank Nikko Europe. In its latest inflation report.

omy gathers steam. Although the Treasury will shortly publish a lower forecast for growth this year than the Chancellor's 3 per cent target, most economists fully expect a pick-up as the year progresses.

Total consumer spending grew 0.8 per cent in the first quarter to a level 2.5 per cent higher than a year earlier. This compares with growth of 0.5 per cent a quarter in the second half

Official statisticians said that spending on services was growing faster than spending on goods. They also revised up of 1996, to 0.6 per cent.

Separate figures showed that the volume of retail sales rose 0.7 per cent in the three months to April, and were 2.2 per cent higher than the same three months a year earlier. This was their fastest annual growth since February 1995.

The main categories of retail sales grew at a far faster rate over the 12 months. Excluding food stores, sales were up 3.7 per cent. Year-on-year growth was even higher for textiles and clothing and household goods, at 4.7 per cent and 5.7 per cent

stores was only 1.2 per cent higher in February-April com-pared with a year earlier. "Non-

store retailing" - mainly mail order - was down 2.2 per cent. "Consumer demand is now growing at an above-trend rate," concluded Kevin Darlington, an economist at brokers Hoare Govett.

The contrast with the fortunes of manufacturing could scarcely be wider. Ian Shepherdson, an analyst at City bank HSBC Markets said: "Our consumer boomlet will not be enough by itself to turn manufacturing around," In-

According to the latest survey of industrial trends from the Confederation of British Industry, the balance of firms reporting lower rather than higher orders earlier this month was minus 17 per cent. The balance has been negative for nine months running and remains at its lowest since

December 1993. The balance reporting higher output edged up during the month, as did expectations for future output. But excess stocks built up, too.

A positive balance of 25 per cent of firms said stock levels Export orders remained

weak. The balance reporting higher rather than lower orders was minus seven per cent. This weakness in the survey evidence was confirmed by yesterday's official figures for

GDP in the first quarter. It showed manufacturing technically in recession, with output falling for the second successive quarter.

In addition stockbuilding continued at an abnormally high level in the first quarter. Although some economists thought this meant the stock overbang would be run down

"Stocks will remain a drag or output for the remainder of this year," said Adam Cole of

James Capel. So far, consumer spending is the only area showing sustained strength. Investment grew 0.7 per cent in the first quarter, its second quarterly increase after falling during the middle of last year.

A drop in exports due to weak demand in Europe and an increase in imports meant that trade acted as a drag on growth. Altogether, GDP rose 0.4 per cent, the same as the preliminary estimate.

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Jeffrey Vinik, the once-

untouchable but recently belea-

guered manager of America's

largest and best-known mutual fund, the Magellan Fund, aston-

ished Wall Street yesterday by re-

DAVID USBORNE New York

# C&W plans to expand world-wide

MICHAEL HARRISON

Cable & Wireless yesterday laid out plans for a big expansion in its network of global telecoms alliances, including the possibility of a US partnership, following the recent failure of its £35bn merger talks with BT

Brian Smith, chairman, confirmed that C&W and its German partner Veba were in talks about taking a strategic stake in Italy's national telecoms operator, Stet, as part of plans to increase its presence in Europe. An alliance is also be-

ing sought in Spain.

Mr Smith also said the North American market was a "high priority", indicating that C&W priority", indicating that C&W longer the "invalid" of the could seek to strengthen its C&W group that it had been 18 presence through tie-ups with one or more of the Baby Bell regional phone companies.

Dick Brown, who takes over as C&W's new chief executive next month on a package potentially worth £1.3m plus £2.3m in share options, spent 27 years in the US telecoms in-dustry, mostly with Baby Bell C&W and then acquiring the

Mr Smith said the negotiations with BT had ended "more in sorrow than anger" but now that they were over there was no prospect of a giant merger of that sort again.
Instead C&W would focus on

building up its federation of world-wide alliances by renewing acquaintances with all the

"bridesmaids out there". He was speaking as C&W unveiled a 10 per cent rise in pretax profits before exceptional

items to £1.26bn despite higher losses in the mobile telephone business Mercury One2One, operating losses of £29m elsewhere in Europe and an initial £20m loss on its German joint

venture Vebacom. Hongkong Telecom, in which C&W has a 58 per cent stake, was again the main profit earner, increasing its contribution by 12 per cent to £909m.

Meanwhile its UK subsidiary Mercury, 80 per cent-owned by C&W, increased operating profits by 14 per cent to £231m despite an improvement of only 3 per cent in turnover to £1.7on. Acting chief executive Rod Olsen said that Mercury was no

months ago. Mr Smith poured scorn on suggestions that a consortium bid was being planned for Hongkong Telecom, saying that he had received no approaches and that anyone wanting to take over the business would

inority sharehold He also sought to dampen speculation that China would want to muscle in on Hongkong Telecom ahead of its takeover of the colony next year. C&W had long relations with China going back 25 years and no in-dications had emerged from Peking that the Chinese wanted to take a direct stake in

Hongkong Telecom. Losses at One2One, which is jointly owned with US West, rose from £61m to £66m.



Mercury, Britain's secondbiggest telephone operator. might step up competition with BT by forging cross-shareholder links with cable operators in advance of the widely-expected consolidation in the industry, writes Michael Harrison.

Peter Howell-Davies, Mercury's new chief executive, said yesterday that securing closer links with cable operators was one of the most pressing strate-

### Mercury seeks tie with cable firms

gic issues to be addressed in the

Initially, Mercury is likely to focus on improving its commercial relationships with the cable industry, where it handles 80 per cent of all trunk and international call volumes. But this could be followed by equi-

per cent stake in Bell Cable-Media, which provides television and telephony services to 2 million franchised homes in London, Southampton, Leeds and north Yorkshire. Bell Canada. which owns the 20 per cent of Mercury not held by C&W, has a 46 per cent holding in Bell

Mercury already has a 12.8 CableMedia. One possibility is for Mercury to take a majority stake in Bell CableMedia in return for C&W allowing Bell Canada to raise its stake in Mercury. Another possible cable partner for Mercury is Nynex. Mr Howell-Davies, said: "It

is a great disappointment that we haven't created a better re-

lationship over the last eight years. The last thing we need now is for Mercury and the cable companies to be digging up streets in competition to put in local networks."

He said Mercury was pleased with what it had achieved in 1995 even though underlying growth in turnover had fallen to 6 per cent. He also forecast that it would take another £20m out

### signing and unveiling plans to set: up his own investment firm. His announcement put a chill on the bond market, with 30year Treasury Bonds dropping 32 of a point in early trading. The Dow Jones Industrial

Average also slipped back on the news, interrupting a run of record-setting gains.
Mr Vinik, 37, took the helm at Fidelity's \$56bn Magellan Pund in July 1992 and quickly established himself as a virtual guru of the markets, whose investment choices were widely mimicked. Recently, however, he has drawn criticism as his

fund has seriously underperformed the competition. Reports last winter that he has been the target of two separa! investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission also attracted unwanted publicity for Fidelity. The Boston-based company denied that Mr Vinik had

been forced out, however. Mr Vinik is widely regarded to have stumbled badly late last year by betting heavily on bonds, which have subsequently fared relatively poorly. Bonds account for about \$10bn of Magellan's holdings, analysts said yesterday. So far this year, the fund has gained only 4.7 per cent, well below nearly all the market indexes which have produced double-digit returns.

Yesterday's market nervousness reflected concern that Robert Stansky, who was named to replace Mr Vinik, would move swiftly to change tack away from bonds. "The fear is that the next manager may not be so loyal to the fixed income markets," commented Matthew Greenwald of Oppenheimer

Capital.
Mr Vinik's regulatory headaches began with reports last year that he was being probed for upbeat remarks he made about Micron Technologies in a media interview at a time when Magellan was in the midst of selling Micron. More recently there have been up confirmed reports that he and other senior Fidelity managers may have been "front-running". namely buying shares on their personal accounts in firms that were about to attract Fidelity investments. Mr Vinik has denied all the allegations.

But in spite of these wellpublicised difficulties, his announcement caught most on Wall Street off guard. "It was entirely his decision," a Fidelity spokesman said of his departure. "There was no pressure from the company to resign".

# Asda turns up heat in petrol price war with 'no-profit' offer

Supermarket group Asda turned up the heat in the petrol price war yesterday saying it would start selling "profit-free" petrol at its hypermarkets from

Although Asda will be selling

petrol at essentially cost price, the offer is restricted to its 10 largest stores. These include branches in Edinburgh, Bristol, Watford and Manchester. They will be labelled "profit-free zones" and the lowest price of a litre of unleaded will be 49.9p. A litre of four-star leaded will be cut to the same figure in two Scottish stores, and to 50.9p

Asda said that in spite of the price war petrol prices varied widely across the country and claimed that some retailers

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were still "making a massive " profit on fuel sales. Asda's action was immediately criticised as "a triumph of hype" by its ri-vals who said that a cut in just 10 outlets was "no big deal".

and Safeway all said they would reduce prices in certain loca-tions to match Asda's offer. Kevin Hawkins of Asda said: "You have to remember that most of us are already selling

petrol at a loss in certain areas such as London. No one is making much money, anyway. But we will cut prices if appro-Tesco re-stated its pledge to be "unbeatable" on petrol and said the discount points that

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ment saying there was "nothing unusual" about selling profitfree fuel. It said it was committed to offering the best possible value to customers. The supermarkets, which However, Tesco, Sainsbury now account for a quarter of

petrol sales in the UK, have been offering special promo-tions in a bid to maintain market share. All have seen sales squeezed and many do not reveal how much money they make from petrol retailing. Asda's petrol profits were £12m last year, according to broker NatWest Securities.

Esso started the petrol price war in January when it cut the price of its fuel by 4.4p a litre and pledged that it would not could be collected on its Clubbe beaten on price in a threecard loyalty scheme made its ofmile radius. It cancelled its fer even more attractive. long-standing Tiger Tokens of-Sainsbury's issued a statefer to help pay for the campaign.

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Rivals have followed suit and are feeling the pain. Even BP is losing money on petrol sales in Britain.

> on the independent petrol stations and the smaller oil companies that do not enjoy the same economies of scale. The Petrol Retailers Association has said that thousands of petrol stations will go out of ousiness, threatening up to 50,000 jobs.

However, the real squeeze is

The price war has been easing recently with thebig groups increasing prices. The share prices of the supermarket groups have been under pressure because of the battle on the forecourts but they rose across the sector as some analysts turned bullish on their prospects, predicting trading conditions were set to improve.

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# US threat to bar bosses with Cuban connections

The US State Department has drafted letters to senior executives from leading Canadian, Mexican and European companies, possibly including at least one British firm, warning them that they may be barred from entering the US for doing business with Cuba.

The move will be the first formal US action to comply with the so-called Helms-Burton law, signed by President Bill Clinton in February. Mr Clinton changed tack on the Republican-proposed bill after Cuban fighter planes shot down two US light aircraft flown by anti-Castro Cuban Americans in the Straits of Florida.

Under the law, companies doing business in Cuba, mainly

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Canadian, Mexican and Euro- fiscated by Mr Castro after his pean - including British firms such as tobacco giant BAT and sugar traders ED and F Man could later be ordered to give up their holdings in Cuba or face charges in the US.

There was no indication which, if any, UK executives would be among those to receive the first warning letters but US officials suggested the list would include at least one senior European boss.

ican exiles suggested Benetton of Italy was the most likely target. The company has opened several stores on the Caribbean island since Cuban leader Fidel Castro opened up his economy to foreign investment. Cuban exiles in Miami say Benetton's

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offices are on property owned by Cuban exiles but were con-

1959 revolution. Under the Helms-Burton law, aimed at tightening the screws on Mr Castro's com-

munist regime by discouraging foreign investment, the original owners can sue in US courts for the return of their property. The European Union, Canada and Mexico have strongly attacked the law as incompatible with free trading policies.

US officials, quoted in the Miami Herald newspaper, said the State Department would send out the letters to leading executives within days, warning them they or their families may be refused visas, even for holidays.

The best-known bosses named by officials included Lorenzo Zambrano, billionaire head of the Mexican cement

# Accountants win new support for law reform

Accountants have stepped up pressure for reform of the law under which auditors can bear the whole loss of a company failure even if only partly respon-

sible, writes Roger Trapp.

Accountants have calisted the support of the National Association of Pension Funds, the Institute and the Faculty of Actuaries, the Construction Industry Council and the Building Employers Confederation

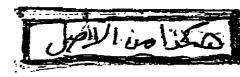
The backing is contained in a letter also signed by the lead-ing accountancy bodies calling on Ian Lang, president of the Board of Trade, to go against the Law Commission's findings and set up a committee to undertake a wider study of the law of joint and several liability.

The move comes just days after the Jersey parliament began debating a law to allow big accountancy firms and other large professional practices to protect themselves from large claims by registering as limited liability partnerships. Earlier KPMG incorporated its audit ar - for the same reason. Gerry Acher, chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants' audit faculty and KPMG's head of audit, said he was delighted at the high level of support.

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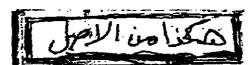
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# A painful, necessary process at the Exchange

Often it has seemed that the only people not to realise that the once pre-eminent Stock Exchange needs to cut its copious cloth to a very different City environment are the incorrigibles who actually inhabit that grim, concrete tower on Throgmorton Street. From its enviable pre-Big Bang position at concrete tower on Throgmorton Street. From its enviable pre-Big Bang position at the heart of the City establishment, enjoying — in the Square Mile at least — unquestioning respect and entheritation. tioning respect and authority, the Exchange has over the past 10 years had a rocky ride, leaving it unsure of its role as the financial markets changed around it.

Under Michael Lawrence, sacked so unceremoniously from his job as the chief executive in January, many of these delusions of grandeur lived on. True, Mr Lawrence did his bit in slimming this once bloated organisation. Numbers were reduced from 2,800 at the time of Big Bang to below 1,000. But what persisted was the arrogance of an organisation that failed to accept its importance had diminished, one that continued to believe it could boss big City firms around.

Typical of this was the frantic search for new sources of income in areas that brought the Exchange into competition with its members, to make up for the dramatic loss of revenues once Talisman is replaced from July onwards by Crest, the automatic settlement system. Those pretensions are gone now, out of the window along with Mr Lawrence. In its place is a much tougher

The cost cuts to date are only a foretaste of what is to come. Looking to the end of the century, the strategic review being finalised by the Exchange proposes that costs be cut by a third. Adjusting to reality is a long and painful process.

### Cable firms ready to repay investors

The UK cable industry has had a deserved reputation for poor marketing and sluggish growth, which has led inevitably to lacklustre performance on the stock market. Worse, there have been a few further jolts to the sector - like Labour's high-profile deal with BT, which looked like sidelining cable, or the big question marks surrounding num-ber portability and BT's strong-arm competitive tactics in the marketplace for telephone services. As a result, the two biggest London-listed companies spent the back half of 1995 languishing far below their over-optimistic issue prices. Could that all be about to change? Most of the big operators have built more than half their net-Lawrence. In its place is a much tougher works, and are on schedule to complete the commitment to transforming the Exchange roll-out in the next few years. That has al-

woefully low - barely more than 20 per cent of those who can subscribe actually do so. But the pay-to-basic ratio (the percentage of those customers taking the lucrative premium programmes like Sky Sport and the Disney Channel) is creeping up. Meanwhile, telephony penetration rates, at closer to 30 per cent, look far heathier, thanks to deep discounts on BT's standard rates.

The introduction of number portability this week in one of Nynex CableComm's franchises has got to be a good sign of bet-ter times ahead. All the independent studies show that many customers were reluctant to give up their old BT numbers, even to save money on their bills. By the end of the year, at least two, and probably all three of the

listed companies will be offering portability.

Parther down the road, we are likely to see concrete proof of cable's obvious technical advantage – its broadband capability. When the cable operators bring their cable modems to market, Internet users will be able to tap into the world "network of networks" with great ease and at vastly increased speeds. There is huge growth still to come in the Internet market in the UK, and the cable industry will reap more than Telewest and Nynex, the leading opera-tors, were far too aggressively priced when they came to market. It was assumed that the roll-out of cable in the UK would mirror US experience, where 40 per cent penetration rates were easily achieved even without the added bonus of being able to offer

TV and telephony together. It did not. But the sell-off last year was probably overdone, and the City is beginning to accept that fact. Telewest yesterday managed to raise £1.2bn in bank funds at attractive rates. Meanwhile Kleinwort Benson has issued a research note to clients, arguing that a substantial re-rating may be in the offing. With number portability, the Internet, digital TV and the critical mass that comes with a network 50 per cent in place, the cable industry is finally ready to pay back its patient investors.

### Chill wind in the offing at C&W

Dick Brown, the American with the job of forging a coherent whole out of Ca-ble & Wireless's loose federation of telecom alliances, will need to be re-christened the Yank with the Bank if he succeeds in making even a half-decent fist of it.

The rewards on offer for his job are truly

mouth-watering; the basic salary may be a measly £650,000. But Mr Brown stands to double that under the obligatory bonus

options worth a cool £2.6m.

Perhaps it is just as well he is being incentivised so handsomely since, if chairman Smith is correct, the C&W management can no longer be stimulated by the threat of takeover. The failure of the BT merger showed, he says, that C&W is, to all intents and purposes, bid-proof, not least because all its licences around the globe depend on

there being no change of ownership.

For all C&W's talk about the benefits of its federation, it remains hard to see how the whole adds up to more than the sum of the parts. The real goldmine - Hongkong Telecom - faces an uncertain future with the Chinese taking over next year and growth in traffic on the mainland depressed by Peking's no-nonsense approach to economic management.

Back at home Mercury looks to have got

off the invalid's trolley only to run into a brick wall. Top line growth is in decline and if the trend continues, helped by a clobbering from the regulator Don Cruickshank, it could stop altogether.Continental Europe may possess promise but all C&W has thus far got to show for its expensive foray into Germany is a £20m loss in three months from Vebacom, If anyone was hold enough to bid it would be like "buying a block of ice that melts as you get your hands on it," says chairman Smith. But unless C&W decides to break itself into bits it is shareholders who

# London Stock Exchange looks for £50m savings

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

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The London Stock Exchange is planning to slash costs by about a third as it transforms itself over the next few years into a "new lean, mean machine", in the words of one board member.

The board yesterday discussed proposals for the first stage in cost reductions, by some £30m from the current level of £160m, to take account of the big loss of income with the imminent introduction of

electronic share settlement. Some 250 jobs have already been earmarked to go as a direct consequence of the new Crest settlement system, which comes fully on stream next spring. Further out, however, deeper personnel reductions. cance in the City.

The current workforce is about 940, down from a peak of 2,800 in the wake of the 1986 Big

Bang deregulation. The full scope of the savings are contained in a strategic review, looking forward to the role of the Exchange at the end of the century. To be considered by the board in July, it foresees the need to make efficiency savings well beyond the first stage in cost reductions required by preparing for Crest.

Sources spoke of the exchange aiming ultimately for savings of around £50m from its position today, or a reduction of about a third. The Exchange has come in for heavy criticism from some of its powerful member firms and the Treasury for carrying a cost base no longer the Exchange is planning for suited to its shrunken signifi-

Presenting yesterday the fi-nancial results for the year to 31 tomated Crest, independently owned by 60 financial bodies. March 1996, executives stressed the continued progress in achieving significant savings, at the same time as the exchange is about to complete the modernisation of its Sequence in-

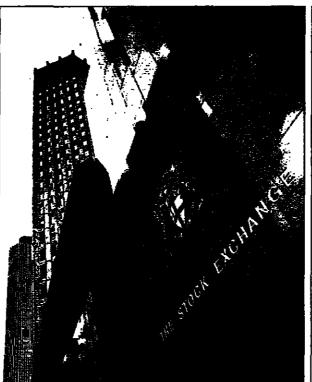
formation and trading platform.
"Through our concerted efforts to control costs, coupled with sustained investment, we have laid solid foundations for a financially viable Exchange in the years ahead," the chairman John Kemp-Welch said.

The Exchange last year reduced underlying operating costs by nearly 9 per cent to £161m. The immediate challenge is that income of £196m will soon be reduced by £67m when Talisman, the settlement change, is replaced by the au- next year.

While much of the first round of savings will come from job losses and the end of the heavy investment spend required by Sequence, the longer term reductions in the strategic re-view will involved cost

reductions across the board. We are talking about a much better management of resources, getting the cost base right down while delivering a quality service to the market," said a source. Separately yesterday, Ken-

neth Clarke, the Chancellor, agreed in principle that market makers should continue to enjoy the privilege of exemp-tion from stamp duty when the new system for dealing in eqsystem currently run by the Ex- uities is introduced to London



Leaner and meaner: The London Stock Exchange where at least 250 jobs will go as a result of Crest 🐠

# Go-Ahead buys London bus group for £46.1m

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Three hundred staff at London General, one of the capital's biggest bus companies, each had a £2,600 windfall yesterday after the company was sold to the Go-Ahead bus group for £46.1m.

The drivers and other staff all backed the management in its successful £31.5m hid for the group in November 1994. They savings would come from ended up with 15 per cent of the company, the same proportion as the four-man board. led by managing director Keith Ludeman.

The deal means that Northeast based groups now control over a third of the capital's

The acquisition of London General gives the Newcastlehased Go-Ahead, which already owns London Central. another 10 per cent of the particularly south of the capital's market, taking its Thames, which is poorly served share to around 18 per cent.

That is roughly the same as Cowie. the Sunderland-based motor dealer which owns the works in the capital, covering Leeside and South London

in a placing and open offer to to 29 in the annual tendering finance the deal and is calling process overseen by London on shareholders to approve a change in the articles to allow it to take on an enlarged bor-rowing facility of £32.7m. Lon-cd beyond the normal five-year

operating profits including exceptional items from £2.22m in 1994 to £8.43m in the year to March, on turnover which has grown from £50.5m to just £52.8m.

The company said it believed it could sustain margins in the short to medium term and to increase them in the longer term as consolidation of the market continues. Cost merging the two businesses, although Martin Ballinger, Go-Ahead's managing director, suggested that further cost cutting from staff and other rationalisation was now limited after the efforts of the existing management at London General.

He added: "In the long term, we think its bloody brilliant getting nearly 20 per cent of Europe's biggest bus market and by the Underground.

London General operates one of the largest route netsouth-west and central London and Surrey. Of its original 40 Go-Ahead is raising £19.5m routes in 1989, it has held on Regional Transport. It has also won 13 new routes from other

### TUC calls for business and union compromises A PART OF THE PART

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The union movement has abandoned any ambition to tie companies down to complex employment law, according to TUC general secretary John

Unions will continue to demand the introduction of a minimum wage, but would seek

to negotiate other minimum standards in a way which contributed to business success. Mr Monks told a City audience yesterday.

In a speech to a TUC-spon-sored seminar on "stakeholding", Mr Monks said: "The way that European business leaders and trade unions have been able to talk sensibly and agree provisions for parental

leave show there is a middle way between deregulation and overly bureaucratic red tape. You can call it social partnership or stakeholding, or simply good old-fashioned British compromise but it offers the best hope for the future."

While he stressed the need to build on the British tradition of voluntary agreement, Mr Monks pointed out that Euro-

pean law was already forcing the idea of "social partnership" on some 150 British multinationals through a European directive on works

He pointed out that despite the UK opt-out from the social chapter of the Maastricht Treaty, British-based groups were including UK workers on the councils.

Mr Monks acknowledged that the election of a Labour government would end the optout and increase the number of companies covered by the directive. All multinationals with 1,000 employees in the European Union with at least 150 in each of two, have to set up a council after 22 September on request from their workforce.

Without the opt-out, British

employees would have to be included in the calculation. The TUC leader coupled his call for compromise with a warning that there was growing dissatisfaction with the way

bus companies. companies are run in Britain. Many under-performed and under-invested and were under intense pressure from institutional investors to ensure a high share price, he claimed. | don General has raised term.

### With profits personal pensions: best and worst

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Scottish Mutual	£21,373
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# Investors pay highly for poor pension decisions

Investing in the wrong with-profits endowment or personal pension can lop tens of thousands of pounds off the value of an individual's savings, a new report showed yesterday.

Poor fund management performance and heavy charges levied on a range of savings products can almost halve the amount eventually paid out, according to Money Marketing, a weekly financial magazine.

Among the poorest performing life companies are many household names, including Britannia Life, Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance.

A 🥦 year-old man investing £30 a month into a Britannia Life personal pension until 65 would see his funds grow to just £13,753. Royal Insurance would pay £14,865, while Sun Alliance's payout would be

By contrast, the same amount placed with Norwich Union, Axa Equity & Law, Scottish Mutual, Royal London and General Accident would have

yielded more than £21,000. Beating them all was the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, which achieved returns of £24,669 over the

same period. The average performance among the 28 companies included in the survey was £19,000, with most bunched within £1,000 on each side of

that amount. The annual Money Marketing report is one of the most detailed surveys of companies that sell with-profits policies, covering pensions, mortgageendowments, endowments and savings schemes.

It shows that company charges, including the commissions paid to advisers who sell their products, also take large chunks out of policy-

holders' savings.
A 30-year-old male, saving £100 a month with the life and pensions arm of Guardian Royal Exchange would receive £196,279 at retirement age, one of the worst returns.

Assuming exactly the same inflation rates, investment returns and increases in contributions, the same saver would get £247,000 from Medical Sickness or £241,076 from Equitable Life when retiring at

The difference in payouts between top and bottom-ranked charging companies could mean a drop in a saver's pension of around £90 per

### IN BRIEF

 McDonald's and Walt Disney have signed a 10-year global marketing agreement that gives the world's largest fast-food chain exclusive marketing rights for Disney products. Under the alliance, which starts next January, McDonald's will become Disney's primary promotional partner in the restaurant industry in 93 countries. Financial terms were not disclosed.

 Lowes Financial Management, a large firm of financial advisers based in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, has been fined £30,000 plus £28,000 costs by its regulator, Fimbra, after admitting a series of charges. These included failing to record financial information needed to give proper advice to clients, advising clients without being able to show how the advice would be to their benefit and failing to keep proper files to show whether its advice complied

 Adams & Nevile Asset Management, a London-based firm of fund managers, has been fined £20,000 by its regulator, Imro, and ordered to pay £59,000 in compensation to its clients after admitting that it failed to ensure they understood the risks involved in their investments. The firm also accepted that it had engaged in corporate finance activities without Imro's permission and did not supply its clients with the information it was required to in regular statements to them.

The Association of British Insurers, the industry's trade body, said yesterday that sales of new life and pensions business in the first three months of this year were 9 per cent up on the same period in 1995. Regular premium payments into personal pensions grew to £243m, up 16 per cent, while single premiums rose to more than £1bn, a 28 per cent rise. Permanent health insurance premiums sourced 27 per cent to £14m. However, life insurance business rose only slightly, at 3 per cent, to about £2.5bn.

• Ford has agreed to sell all the assets of USL Capital's Rail Services unit to First Union Rail for \$900m. Ford is pursuing the sale of other USL Capital businesses. USL Capital, which is a diversified commercial financing and leasing company, is part of Ford's financial services division. Ford said last year it would carry out a strategic review of its non-automotive financing businesses which could result in a partial or complete sale of USL Capital.

 NEC, Japan's higgest chip maker, said profits more than doubled last year due to a global boom in personal computers. Net profits for the year to 31 March jumped to ¥77.2bn (\$721m) from ¥35.3bn (\$330m) a year earlier. NEC expects earnings to keep rising in the current year amid growing interest in the Internet and multimedia. But some analysts said the outlook was too optimistic amid rapid falls in prices of computer memory chips.

 Toyota, Japan's top carmaker, announced robust annual profits and said a weaker yen and more cost-cutting would contribute to further gains this year. The world's second-largest carmaker posted group net profits of Y257bn (£1.7bn) last year, up 46 per cent on an annualised basis despite a slight slip in sales.

Nearly a third of UK managers are insecure in their jobs, according to the Institute of Management. The organisation's re-search reveals a particularly high level of job insecurity among innior and middle managers.

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# Problems Storehouse can't shelve

The market is getting worried about Storehouse, the BhS and Mothercare retailer that also includes the Blazer menswear chain. Since Keith Edelman foined as chief executive three years ago, the group has concentrated on all

the right things. It has built margins rather than chasing sales, kept the lid on costs and sorted out the nuts and bolts of the business, including reducing the number of suppliers and shortening lead times. Distribution costs have also been addressed and will fall by a further E3m

this year. It is a similar strategy to that employed by John Hoerner at Burton which has also seen its fortunes improve. Storehouse shares have responded to the treatment, rising from around 200p at the time of Mr Edelman's appointment to yesterday's 327p. The 21 per cent hike in profits to £110m shows that the fruits of his

work are coming through. But the City is already looking to the next stage. With margins re-built and store refurbishment progressing, management must now drive sales which have been flat for more than five years.

Like-for-like sales fell 2 per cent across the group last year, with sales in the main BhS and Mothercare chains down. Mothercare had a particularly weak second half on the back of a weak clothing runge and problems with product availability. Even these uninspiring figures are flattered by another stellar performance from Storehouse's overseas stores. Even including new openings, the group's UK sales fell by more than 2-3 per cent last year.

Though management is saying that boosting sales is the priority, this will be no easy thing as advertising expenditure will be cut this year after the high spends of recent years. The company hopes store refurbishments and the gradual maturing of new openings will be enough to kick-start sales.

There is also much to do at Children's World, the out-of-town group acquired from Boots earlier this year for £62.5m. Next year's accounts will include exceptional charges of £16m-£18m to cover the integration programme which will include the closure of the Nottingham head office in September and possibly the closure of some stores.

The store names will not automatically change to Mothercare, even though the company perceives it to be a stronger brand. Mothercare World is a possibility, though the re-branding will not start until next spring.

The overseas stores are going great guns, with franchise sales having increased by 29 per cent to £78m.

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Storehouse: at a glance

Market value: £1.4bn, share orice 3270

BZW is forecasting profits of £125m this year, which puts the shares on a forward rating of 16. They are no more than a hold and there is probably bet-

### Morland's Hen lays golden eggs

Shareholders in Morland, the Oxfordshire-based brower, who helped fight off the bid from Greene King nearly four years ago at 450p a share have at last been rewarded for their patience. Having underperformed for most of the intervening period, this year the shares have at last broken decisively through the 550p barrier and now stand at 628p, up 9p.

Renewed bid speculation has belped,

fuelled by the authorities' apparently more relaxed attitude to consolidation in the industry. But Morland has also shown itself adept at managing the business and is beginning to prove itself with acquisitions.

Yesterday's half-year figures to

**Five-Year record** 

Dividends per share (pence)

600 -

500 -

Divisional performance (£m)

March revealed pre-tax profits soaring 30 per cent to £6.09m, swollen by last supermarkets in the take-home trade. year's acquisition of Unicorn Inns and

a group of outlets from the Chapman The aggregate cost of £25.1m for the 23 pubs in question raised eyebrows at the time, but Morland is already making the assets work. Margins have been raised by up to 3 per cent at Unicorn and between 10 and 12 per cent at Chapman. More importantly, despite the drag caused by the rights issue which accompanied the Unicorn deal.

earnings per share have climbed an un-derlying 8.3 per cent to 15.7p in the latest period. Meanwhile, the existing estate is continuing to grow, with profits up 10 per cent on unchanged numbers of outlets. Morland is continuing to swim against the trend of falling beer volumes gen-erally, with its Wig & Pen and Newt & Cucumber formats aimed at younger

and female town-centre drinkers. But the big question for Morland is whether it can continue the huge success of Old Speckled Hen, the upmarket ale which was relaunched in draft in 1991. Volumes have rocketed

Share price pence

from virtually nothing to 40,000 barrels a year on the back of guest beer tie ups with the big brewers and the launch of canned and bottled versions. Since Carlsberg was signed up in April all four of the brewing giants are now aboard, along with all the main

The hope is that rolling out the brand to more stores and overseas, including the US, will now take up the slack and Morland has doubled the capacity of its Abingdon brewery to 220,000 barrels in anticipation. In the mean time, profits of around £14.4m this year would put the shares on a forward p/e of 17. Hold.

### Go-Ahead keeps motoring

Go-Ahead Group, the Newcastle-based bus group, has not let its March profit warning divert it from the acquisitions route. Yesterday's £46.1m deal to snap up London General, one of the capital's biggest bus franchisees, shows that the group retains the con-fidence of the City.

Shareholders are being asked for £19.5m in a one-for-five placing and open offer at 290p a share fully un-derwritten by Hill Samuel. Despite gearing rising to 290 per cent after the deal, the bank is also making available a borrowing facility of £32.7m, which should leave plenty of slack for further

With its existing London Central operation, the latest acquisition will give Go-Ahead 18 per cent of the metro-politan market and a commanding position south of the Thames, which is fertile ground for bus operators given

the poor Underground coverage.
Vigorous cost-cutting by the existing management has raised operating profits before execeptionals from £2m before the original buyout at London General in November 1994 to £7.67m in the year to March. That puts an earnings-enhancing exit multiple of eight on the deal, once cash balances of £7.3m are stripped out, but it reflects the risk of owning a company a fifth of whose routes are put out to tender every year. Go-Ahead reckons it can offset the risk with cost savings from merging the two London busin Those could be worth at least £850,000 a year and there are still other operators in the capital to be bought.

If profits rise from a forecast £11.5m.

this year to £21.5m in 1995-96, the shares, up 30p at 340p, are on a forward p/e of around 10. Good value.

# Building society big boys strap on the bovver boots

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK



Fizzer of a share: This year's winner of the Singer & Friedlander Company Investor Show's best-performing share prize is Andy Crossley (above, centre), a fund manager at invesco Asset Management. Mr Crossley correctly predicted that Cortecs International, the pharmacentical company, would be the best-performing share from exhibitors at last Octoberly show, over the following six months. He received a Methuselah of champagne from Marc Cramsie (left), of S&F, accompanied by John Bracken of Imparation which companied the orbibition by John Breckon of Imperator, which organised the exhibition. Cortecs' share price rose from 101p to 383p in six months.

flat and warm. It is something to suffer through during holiand has no duty to do so. It may seem churlish then to note that the Bank's 3,800-odd staff and six executive directors receive inflationbeer market taken by "amber linked pensions - but that there is no mention of this luale", the American name for crative arrangement in the 1996 report. Some actuaries bitter, has grown to 4 per cent over the last three years. Mr Watts claims that his compaestimate that taking account ny's bitter, Old Speckled Hen, of inflation can increase the is leading the charge. Tastings annual cost of a pension by around a third. According to the Greenbury report on directors' remuneration, at least the details of directors' could just get to work marketpensions should be included. A Bank spokesman says: "We seek to apply the spirit of The Bank of England prides itself on setting a good exam-ple to the City. It publishes a full annual report and ac-Greenbury. There's an awful

lot of information in there [the report]." Not about index linking, though. Perhaps next

developer has installed a special high-capacity cable in his latest apartment block, which allows tenants to access the Internet 55 times as quickly as the fastest popular modem. Gregory Selgado, sales director for Real Renters, says the East Village building's com-munal cabling has proven such a hit with tenants that they are prepared to pay well above market rates - \$1,700 a month for a one-bedroom apartment, plus up to \$115 to the Internet provider - which Mr Selgado owns. Where America leads, the world follows. It cannot be too long before City traders will be able to play the markets on the Internet from the comfort of their Docklands lofts.

A canny Manhattan property

# P&O lands £250m contract in China

P&O yesterday announced that of five cities in eastern China. it had won the biggest con- The construction contract was struction management contract won by the P&O subsidiary so for awarded in China, worth Bovis Asia Pacific, and the £250m. Reuter reports.

The shipping and construction company is to oversee the construction of a 50-storey office tower in the centre of Shanghai alongside two 22storey residential towers.

The deal was signed at one of two ceremonies in the city attended by Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, as part of his trade mission to China. The second contract was the establishment of a joint venture

between Crosroll, a British textile company, and a Shanghai company, to produce textiles, Lord Sterling, chairman of P&O, said in London that the company had had links with the region for nearly 150 years. and the group's decision to open new offices in Shanghai was "the clearest possible sign

of our commitment". Mr Heseltine is leading a del-egation of 270 business people to China, drumming up business tor British companies.

Since arriving in Shanghai, he has met the mayor and leaders

buildings will be in the heart of the Bund district of Shanghai, where Western companies had their headquarters in pre-communist days.
Mr Heseltine said UK com-

panies would have many opportunities to win contracts for Shanghai's new international airport, even though France has won the design contract.

He was speaking after an official briefing about the Pudong New Area where the airport. costing £650m, is to be built ready for opening on the 50th anniversary of the People's Republic of China in 1999.

Shanghai has chosen Aeroport de Paris to design the airport but has not signed a formal contract the value of which will be a small part of the total cost. "There will be various ten-

dering processes, and in them British companies will have every opportunity to play a significant part in the development of the airport," Mr Heseltine

Among the contracts to be



awarded are those for large en-gineering work, air traffic control and airport management. He said UK firms were very strong in radar and communi

China's President Jiang Zemin today in the southern city of Zhuhai, near Hong Kong. A Chinese government spokesman said China's leaders

Mr Heseltine is due to meet and Mr Heseltine agreed this hina's President Jiang Zemin week that both sides wanted closer co-operation to guarantee Hong Kong's smooth transfer to Chinese sovereignty in

# Scottish Amicable lobbies MPs over ban on trust

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Scottish Amicable, the Glasgowbased insurance group, is lobbying MPs to overturn the Inland Revenue's shock decision on Wednesday that the Amicable Strategy Trust, Scot Am's innovative £240m Personal Equity Plan, contravenes the tax rules and will have to be

not, a heavy police presence

Americans have always des-pised British beer as being

days here, like rain and bad

coffee. All that has changed

Watts. The share of the US

of this bitter have been held

in Boston, Chicago and San Diego. Now if Mr Watts

counts, for example, even though the Bank is not a plc

courtesy of Morland, the Abingdon-based brewer led by chief executive Mike

may be required.

MPs can demand action in Parliament to overrule the Inland Revenue, but Parliament is now in recess and MPs will not return until 3 June. Moreover, the public offer is due to close on 10 June, Scot Am's general manager for product development, Gavin Stewart, said

vesterday. Scot Am is also seeking an urgent meeting with the Treasury, out in the meantime the Royal Bank of Scotland has been instructed not to process any more applications or cash any more cheques from investors. Up to 30,000 investors have already applied to enter the Scot

Am trust, which ingeniously allows investors to put up to £50,000 into a Personal Equity Plan in a single year, and to obtain tax-free income on the full amount, by setting up a splitlevel trust.

Only £6,000 will be invested in income shares in the trust and £44,000 will be invested in warrants which can be converted into capital shares. Only the income shares are treated as part of the PEP but they receive all the dividend income free of tax from the £50,000, which will be vention is successful it may be fully invested in leading UK equities.

After seven years the capital shares will be entitled to £50,000 or £44,000 indexed to the retail price index, whichever is the higher, and will incur по capital gains tax at all if inflation is less than 1.85 per The trust was announced last

month and was immediately seen as a deliberate attempt to outflank the PEP rules, which limit the amount any investor can put into a PEP to £6,000 in any one financial year. But Scot Am's managers were adamant at the time that their proposal had been put to the Inland Revenue as long ago as January and had aroused no adverse comment. Applications have been com-

ing in since 1 May and are on target to reach the target of £240m by June 10, Scot Am said yesterday. If Scot Am's protest against

the Revenue's belated interpossible to extend the offer period.

But the Revenue's announcement may well persuade many more applicants to delay posting their applications until the situation is clarified.

If the Revenue's decision cannot be overturned, Scot Am has also promised to return all the funds so far invested. But many of the investors will already have taken decisions to liquidate other investments ready to subscribe.

### Videologic optimistic after write-down

MATHEW HORSMAN

Videologic, the PC components and software company, weathered a £1.75m stock write-down in the second half to post reduced losses for the year of £7.8m, on turnover up marginally to £13.6m.

Geoff Shingles, the newly appointment chairman, said the company should see further improvements in 1996, particularly by the last quarter, when revenues from rovalties paid on its PowerVR silicon chip will begin to flow through.

Videologic has development joint ventures with NEC, the Japanese computer manufactuter, to supply the company's 3D technology, led by the PowerVR family of silicon chips. It has also developed a chip for multimedia applications in PCs and interactive set-top boxes, aimed at replacing graphics controllers and other multi-

media devices. The company, which was floated 18 months ago at 50p. raised £4.8m in March 1996 through a placement of 7 million new shares. It is gaining a entertainment systems, probafollowing in the City because of bly in time for the busy Christits presence in two growing mas sales period.

markets - the Internet and home entertainment.

"Certainly the growing in-terest in the Internet will be helpful to us," Mr Shingles said. Compaq, a leading PC manufacturer, announced in May it would incorporate the PowerVR chip in its Presario computers

starting this summer, helping

send Videologic's shares sharply

higher. They closed down 3.5p

last night at 108p. Videologic said yesterday it had taken steps to ensure that the expensive stock write-down will be the last of its kind. "We had an acute shortage of memory components last year, as everyone scrambled to buy product." Mr Shingles said. "In the end, there was overcapacity in the market, and prices dropped by 50 per cent in a sin-

gle month, leaving us with overvalued inventory."
Mr Shingles said the situation had been "unacceptuble" and that the company has moved to reduce stock and build on firm

orders. The PowerVR is also expected to be introduced into arcade games and in at-home

### **Burford announces** £142m rights issue

**MAGNUS GRIMOND** 

Burford, the property group chaired by Nigel Wray, vester-day announced its second demerger in six months and a £142m rights issue, its third in three years.

The deal is the latest in a series of cash-calls in the property sector. Earlier this week rival developer Chelsfield announced it was raising £102m. Burford's new money will be used to finance the £70.8m acquisition of seven properties from Shell Pensions Trust, also

announced yesterday, the £40m development of the group's 12acre site on London's Finchley Road and the £15m cost of a purpose-built distribution centre in Manchester. The shares fell 9p to 137p on the news, which compares with

the 122p price at which the rights shares are being offered on a two-for-five basis. Mr Wray said: "The rights issue will enable Burford to use its financial strength and flexibility in pursuing new opportunities to create shareholder value, as we have successfully demonstrated in the past. The initiatives announced loday and

ther steps towards achieving this The group is selling its 50 per cent stake in Columbus, a small publishing company, to another publisher, the USM-quoted Carnell, for £14.1m. The allshare consideration for the deal will be passed directly through to Burford shareholders on the basis of around 22 Carnell shares for every 100 shares already held.

The latest spin-off comes hot on the heels of the November demerger of Trocadero, the owner of the leisure development of the same name in the West End of London.

The Shell deal comprises seven properties throughout the UK, but two assets represent 68 per cent of the portiolio by value. Darwin Shopping Centre in Shrewsbury is a 190,000 square foot develop-ment built in the 1980s in which several leading high street re-tailers are tenants. The other big property is Leeds Road Retail Park in Huddersfield, a 160,000 square foot freehold retail warehousing site on which nearly 60 per cent of the space is let to B & Q. Four hotels let to Forte and Mount Charlotte are over the last few weeks are fur- included in the acquisition.

### IN BRIEF

George Greener has been named as chief executive of Hillsdown Holdings, the food group that includes Tetley tea and Hartley jams. He replaces David Newton who told the board yesterday that he was resigning to pursue other interests. Mr Green, 50, worked for Mars for 20 years, most recently as managing director of Mars UK.

 Mulberry, the luxury goods group, enjoyed a strong début on the Alternative Investment Market. The shares raced ahead to 185p compared with the issue price of 153p. The £8.5m issue was five times subscribed. Much of the funds raised will repay loan notes.

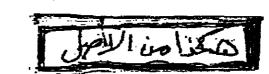
The Moores family, which controls the Littlewoods empire, has voted in favour of the appointment of former Cable & Wireless chief executive James Ross as the group's new chairman. The vote was taken at the company's annual meeting in Liverpool yesterday. Mr Ross replaces Leonard van Geest who has chaired Littlewoods for six years. Mr Ross is expected to modernise the group and bring in some fresh management.

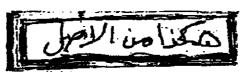
Cranswick, the pet, food and agribusiness group has reported flat profits of £3.1m for last year though the current year has started encouragingly. The pet sector is looking robust though agribusiness has been affected by rising raw material prices and a tough market. Sales were 22 per cent higher at £142m. The dividend was increased from 8.65p to 9.2p.

• Hamleys, the toy retailer, has reported a 10 per cent increase in sales for the three months to the end of April, Sales in the flagship Regent Street store were strong during February and March but flat over Easter. A new sports department will be officially opened next week. The Heathrow and Channel tunnel shops continue to perform strongly, recording double-digit sales growth

· BPB Industries and the insulation division of the French group Saint Gobain have signed agreements to establish joint ventures for the manufacture of glass fibre insulation in the UK and Ireland. The arrangements involve the sale to Saint Gobain of half of BPB's Gyproc Insulation business and half of its Irish company, Moy Insulation. The joint ventures will trade as British Gypsum-Isover and Moy-Isover. Saint Gobain will pay £15m for its share.

	Comp	any Result:		
	Turpaver £	Pre-tax£	EPS	Dividend 4.
Abbeycrest (F)	60.7m (64.7m)	2.52m (2.05m)	7.2p (6p)	3.6p (3.6p)
Acetes & Retcheson (I)	147m (147m)	3.10m (4.03m)	6.9p (6.6p)	3.5p (3.5p)
Airfleer Streamfact (F)	102m (89.5m)	5.14m (3.72m)	37.41p (26.83p)	9p (7p)
API Group (I)	58.2m (44.1m)	4.22m (3.31m)	13.59p (10.78p)	4.48p (4.07p)
Archer Groep (1)	5.01m (4.9m)	-0.44m (-0.39m)	-1.2p (-1p)	0.5p (0.5p)
Baggeridge Brick (I)	14.5m (16.5m)	0.72m (2.13m)	1.19p (3.55p)	0.75p (0.75p)
Bass (i)	2.52bn (2.24bn)	289m (263m)	21.9p (19.6p)	7.7p (7.1p)
Bertam Holdings (F)	2.97m (2.18m)	2.33m (4.41m)	7.41p (16 99p)	4p (5p)
BTG (F)	20.8m (23.4m)	-2.74m (-0.37m)	-21.96p (-15.75p	140 (-)
Brent Walter (F)	1.66bn (1.69bn)	-415m (-143m)	-107.5p (-39p)	础 (-)
Chrysalis Group (1)	46.8m (47.6m)	-2.9m (-2.5m)	-9.3Sp (-9.92p)	n# (-)
City of London PR (F)	2.80m (2.98m)	0.92m (0.83m)	8 63p (7.67p)	5.08p (4.55p)
C&W (F)	5.52bn (5.13bn)	1 26km (1.14km)	27.5p (11.5p)	10p (9.05p)
Cranswick (F)	142m (116m)	3.12m (3.03m)	15.6p (14.6p)	9.2p (8.65p)
Comtanida (F)	2.30bn (2.13bn)	132m (151m)	20.2p (25.4p)	15.9a (15.4p)
Drew Scientific (F)	2.27m (1.01m)	-0.06m (-0.80m)	-0.2p (-3.3p)	례 (-)
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Ferward Group (F)	66.8m (23.8m)	7.8m (3.7p)	43p (17.9p)	8p (6p)
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# Investors fear Archie's party at Asda may be be over

Is the party over for Archie Norman and his Asda superstores chain? The shares, up from 22.8p since he moved in to rescue the then ailing retailer, slipped from their seven-year high, closing 1.5p down

Mike Dennis at NatWest Securities ruffled sentiment. A long-time fan of the group, he cut this year's profit forecast from £352m to £335m although he is sticking with £304m, which would represent a £46.8m advance, for the

year ended last month As the Norman touch has transformed the business Asda has enjoyed heady progress. Over the next three years, however, growth is likely to slow dramatically. Mr Dennis was expecting 11 per cent for the current year but has cut his estimate to 7 per cent.

The slowdown is due mainly to disappointing non-food sales, a reduced new store

openings programme and the extra overheads, such as backup facilities and more expensive staff, Asda is incurring in its battle with the other supermarket giants.

Mr Norman's latest blast in the price war, a promise to sell petrol at cost from its 10 hyper markets, can only further erode profits. Last year the group's petrol retailing was worth around £12m to the pre-tax figure.

Asda suffered a run of misfortune with its shares falling from a 176p peak in 1987. Under the Norman guidance it has thrown off its jokey, cloth-cap image and taken the lead in many retailing initiatives. It should in its current year reap rich remarks from the forestion rich rewards from the flotation of Allied Carpets where it has a 40 per cent interest.

Mr Dennis' new supermarket choice is Argyll, which he has moved from hold to add. The supermarket climate was



### MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

Stock market reporter of the year

Magellan is believed to be

heavily involved in the London

market, particularly in hi-tech

shares. It is also believed to

have latched on to Reuters,

SmithKline Beecham and

Vinik departure could lead to

a change in Magellan's policy and although the Americans

There is an obvious fear the

The market was in the

dumps even before the Vinik retreat. The FT-SE 100 index,

Vodafone, among others.

also influenced by Andrew Fowler at UBS who said industry trading conditions could "only get better".

Argyll rose 6p to 350p; J Sainsbury 5p to 384p and Tesco 6p to 293p. The rest of the stock market was unsettled by the signalled departure of Jeffrey Vinik, the powerful Fidelity fund manager who ran the high-profile Magellan Fund. Under his guidance it grew from \$20bn to

But he has found the going increasingly tough and recent gambles, such as moving into bonds, have not paid off, raising questions about the fund's

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worries and book-squaring before the holiday weekend.

stamp the merger with Varity,

Takeover speculation again swirled around Lucas Industries, up 6p to 237p in busy late trading. Directors, it was said, would meet today to rubber-

a US car parts group.
The US deal has assumed growing importance. At first it was dismissed as a sideshow ahead of a Continental or US bid. Now there is speculation Varity could bring unsuspected riches to Lucas.

Christies International, the fine art auctioneer which is ex-pected to go under the bid hammer, rose 2p to 227p. There was talk Joseph Lewis was meeting his financial adwould be too smart to dump shares the very presence of an overhang could have a de-pressing influence. visers in London about offers he has received for his near-30 per cent shareholding. A deal with Prince Jefri Bolkiah of in busy trading, fell 17.2 points to 3,747 with an early gain obliterated, largely by political Brunei, who captured jewellers Aspry, is thought likely. Utilities, after Wednesday's

weakness, staged modest re-coveries although National Power fell a further 3.5p to 516.5p. Mid-Kent, a water company, dipped 12p to 423p, after a French takeover bid was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Pilkington, the glass group, cracked on worries profits could be under pressure. There was talk of possible profit downgradings following a cautious presentation from Saint Gobain, the French group, which left analysts with the impression glass prices were weakening Pilkington fell 6p to 194p. T&N, on German car components gloom, skidded 7p

On the drugs from Cortecs International was little changed at 351p. A positive statement and cash call are rumoured. Newcomers Mulberry reached 185p from a 153p placing: Epic Multimedia held around its 105p issue price.

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Paramount, with 200 pubs, looks vulnerable following Enterprise Inns' £51.3m acquisition of the John Labatt's

pubs portfolio. The deal includes a 50 per cent interest in Real Inns with 98 properties. The other half is owned by Paramount which manages the chain. It has lost one management contract (for 39 pubs) recently and can ill-afford another denarrare. There is talk that if the split ownership is not resolved Enterprise could bid for Paramount, unchanged at 5.5p. Enteprise gained 19p to 229p.

a 46p gain this week; the Labatt deal has prompted the market to warm towards the

🔲 Insurance broker Ockham jumped 28p to a 98p high; its profit from the Lloyd's of £18m. The shares were 55p

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So here we go agam, another round in the ongoing controversy about utility regulation. Whatever the regulators do they provoke a fuss. If they go too easy on the companies - as they undoubtedly have done since privatisation - the public and politicians scream about excess profits. If they are too tough, they jeop-ardise the future safety of critical industries. Either way they and the regulatory system they operate have hecome the targets of fierce criticism.

It seems strange then that Ms Spottiswoode should decide to reject what promised to be the grand solution to her problems. Lost amid the controversy last week came the news that Ofgas had investigated an alternative regulatory approach for TransCo. based on sharing profits rather than capping prices.

British Gas was keen, the Labour Party was interested, the experts lined up in support - but Claire said no. Could she have made a foolish mistake? Certainly the existing pricecapping framework isn't working too well. Under the RPI minus-X system, the regulated companies are allowed to raise their prices by the rate of inflation (RPI), minus some Economic Research Associates, amount (X) determined by the regulator to reflect projected cost savings. Any extra savings the company makes in the meantime, it can keep five years."



benefits when prices are revised again in the next review.

It all sounds sensible enough. The trouble is it has been a disaster in practice. At the heart of the matter is what economists call the

asymmetric information problem". Companies know far more than the regulator about the future costs they will face, and the real prospects

centives for companies at all, Mr Helm argues, the public need a direct interest in the accumulation of abnormal profits; they need a share.

Of course the regulators can make mistakes in both directions. A suspicious regulator assumes that the companies are always lying, and can always make much tougher cuts than they claim. When the price cap

### When the price cap is too severe, sobs of pain will be dismissed as crying wolf

for savings. But they can cheerfully offer pessimistic forecasts during the review and keep those savings for

profits instead of price cuts.

Excess profits - especially on the scale that our recently privatised utilities have reported over the last seven years - will always provoke a political and public outcry and send the regulator scuttling back to review earlier mistakes. But the more frequently the regulator returns, the less the incentives to managers.

Dieter Helm, director of Oxford Economic Research Associates, are such that the public will never allow abnormal profits to pile up over

set is, in fact, too severe, the sobs of pain from the companies will be dismissed as crying wolf, but several years down the line we may discover that our utilities are in trouble.

The regulators can only give utilities the space they need to properly invest in the future if they feel they have a way to deal with excess profits, and ensure companies are not pulling a fast one.

Enter profit-sharing. Under this form of regulation, extra profits (or losses) are shared between consumers and shareholders, rather than kept entirely for the management and shareholders to enjoy (or endure). Papers were written, conferences held, research commis- concerns, howeve

setting just one price cap, the regulator provides the company with several alternatives.

If prices are low, shareholders can

from profits. Hence the sliding scale. Either way the regulator has a costs which surprise the regulator can

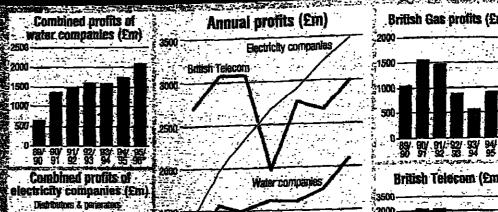
gas ditched the idea. One concern for it clearly was the fear that profitsharing, by reducing the cash that firms can keep, would reduce their incentives to make improvements, too. But this is a weak objection. So long as political pressure forces them to push prices down and cut profits back, there will be no incentives under price-capping, anyway. And, as a report that was recently commissioned by Ofgas points out, shareholders will quickly revise the incentive structure for managers if they fear they are not maximising profits under the new arrangements.

keep most of the extra profits (because low prices mean customers have already had their cut). On the other hand, if prices are high, then the customer gets a bigger rebate

afety net against unduly gloomy forecasts by the company, whilst unexpected and damaging changes in easily be accommodated.

Yet for all these arguments, Of-

Ofgas had other more technical



of profit-sharing still embroils it in all the same kinds of measurement and asymmetric information problems as before - as a result, the credibility of the regulatory regime is not

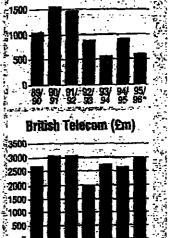
Supporting that position in a re-cent issue of Fiscal Studies, John Vickers and Colin Meyer argue that: "Profit measures of performance are particularly subjective and prone to manipulation in utilities, because of difficulties in determining asset values."

A spokesman for Ofgas said: There are other ways of tackling the problem that profit-sharing pur-

will be more appropriate." What Ofgas calls "error correction mechanisms" aim to allow the prices to respond to changes in the utilities' costs that the regulator had not au-ticipated - either because the company proved to be wrong or because external circumstances changed.

\*average of City forecasts

It may be right. And it has probably around two years to prove it, if a Labour government is elected. If on the other hand the regulators can-not devise a framework that provides incentives, protects the industries' fupy, they should brace themselves for change. ture and keeps the customers hap-



Kay of London School of Economics, wrote in a recent edition of Prospect magazine: "The attempt to establish a "regulatory contract" under which firms maximise profit subject to an external constraint, is an unavoidable source of dissatisfaction. We must move away from a plc structure, while retaining the advantages of managerial autonomy and commercial discipline in a framework focused on customers. not the capital market."

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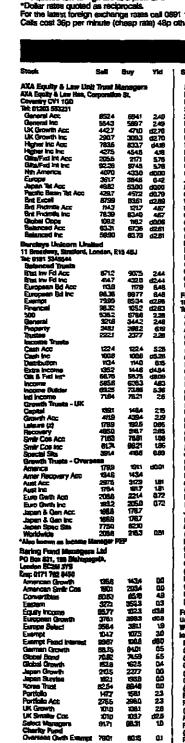
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Profit-sharing is one possibility for the future of the utilities, but the regulators should beware or public dissatisfaction will fuel the case for more

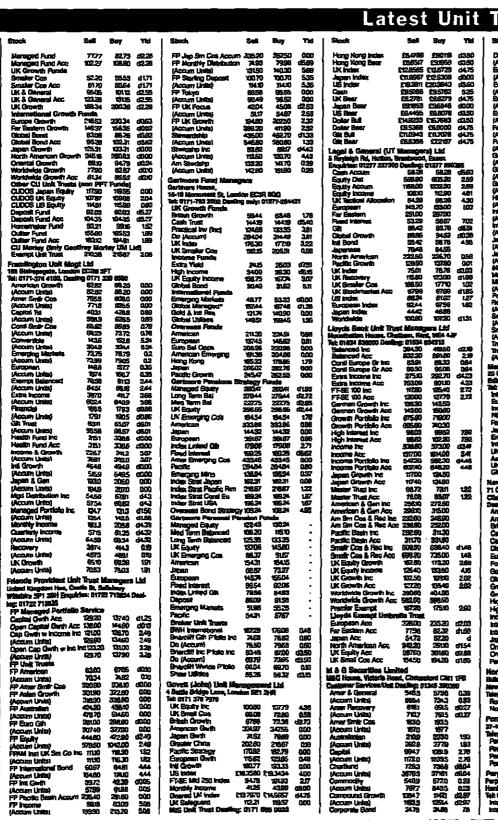
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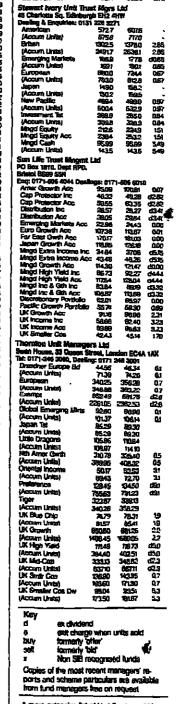


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# **Johnston** hopes Bijou can hoof it

Racing

GREG WOOD

Punters are all too familiar with horses which ran as if they had only three legs, but the leading British challenger for the Irish 2,000 Guineas, it seems, very nearly became a colt with three-and-a-half. Mark Johnston, the trainer of Bijou D'Inde, revealed yesterday that he is still a little concerned about his horse's recent encounter with an over-enthusiastic pedi-

A horse's hoof is, in effect, its toenail, and like its human equivalent needs to be trimmed from time to time. When it was Bijou D'Inde's turn last week, however, someone got carried away. "We trimmed back one of his feet on Friday." Johnston said yesterday, "but on his nearfore we went too far and one fort was a good half-inch longer than the other. He was plated this morning after the injury and I'm going to go home tonight and hope everything is OK. He is due to go to Ireland this evening. I am not worried about the prospect of soft ground, what concerns me is the foot problem."

As yet, however, the trainer's concern has not filtered through to the ante-post market on tomorrow's Classic at the Curragh. Backers will do well to beat the 3-1 offered by Ladbrokes against Bijou D'Inde, a price which brackets him with Beauchamp King, who was eight lengths adrift of Johnston's runner when he was narrowly beaten by Mark Of Esteem and Even Top in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket. The firm's favourite is Spinning World, who was unlucky in running when second in the French Guineas at Longchamp.

Looking a little further into the Classic future, 23 fillies remain in the Oaks after the latest forfeit stage yesterday, although at least one will probably be added to the field at a cost of £15,000 on 31 May. Even so, it will be a surprise if the eventual field stretches too into double figures. Ten

represents Henry Cecil, whose Magnificient Style may yet be supplemented. Also among the entries is Zafzala, who goes on trial for Epsom in the Irish 1,000 Guineas at the Curragh on Sunday. She is the chosen mount of John Murtagh, Ireland's champion jockey, from John Oxx's three runners.

Lanfranco Dettori, who rode both Balanchine and Moonshell to win the Oaks for Godolphin, returned to the saddle after a 10-day suspension at Goodwood yesterday, and to the inner's enclosure just a few minutes later. Taipan, trained by John Dunlop, was a very easy winner for Dettori in the 12-furlong handicap. Indeed, as Dunlop wryly pointed out, "I think

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Sharaf (Haydock 3.30) NB: Shinerolla (Haydock 3.00)

even Willie Carson could have won on that one."

Dettori missed several winning rides at York's Dante meeting last week, but it appears that he put his unexpected free time to good use. "I wanted to keep away from racing because it can get frustrating watching all those winners go in," Dettori said. "So I went back to Italy for four days. I then went to Ireland with Barney Curley where I stayed in a retreat and sponsored a golf tournament in aid of the Society of Missionaries in Africa.

"They do a lot of work for people in Africa and I was very happy to do it. I am hicky to be in the position I am and want to give back as much as I can."

THE OANS (Epsom, 7 June) The 23 acceptors at yesterday's forfeit stage: Alternative (travect by 1 Gooden), Bathilde (M Stoute), Blat Salesabil (J Durlop), B trained by J Gosden), Sethilide (M Stoute), Birt Salesabil (J Durico), Birt Sandayld-Saed bir Suroor), Camporese (P Crisphe-Herm), Celesaach (J Bolger, Irl), Dance Design (D Weld, Irl), Fahrlight Down (P Cole), Ferawey Waters (D Arouthrot), Honest Guest (M Tomplans), Lady Carla (H Cocl), Lena Wells (A Fabric, Fr), Mitthy (B Harbury), Mezzagionao (G Wragg), Moody's Cat (B Hills), Pricket (Seed bir Suroor), Quota (H Cocl), Shaweani (Seed bir Suroor), Suroor (S Woods), Silk Masque (P Chapple-Hyan), Solar Crystal (H Cocl), Telly (P Cole), Zafasia (J Ox, No. Files may be supplemented Hyam), Solar Crystal (H Cecs), Triby (P Cote), Zafzala (J Cox, In). Pilies may be supplemented

far into double figures. Ten runners have gone to post for the last two runnings of the Oaks, and in a Classic which has nothing like the pulling power of the Derby, it should again come down to a contest between one representative from each of the major yards or owners.

Godolphin, which will be chasing its third Oaks in as many years, has Pricket, the strong ante-post favourite, Bint Shadayid and Shawanni among the acceptors, while Lady Carla

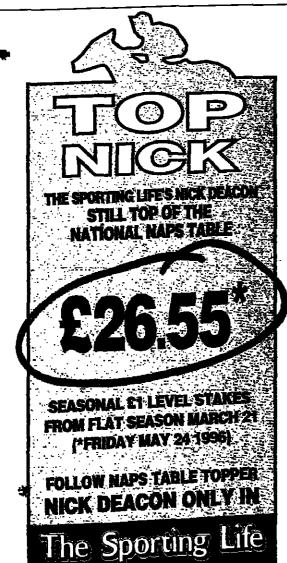
### **Charlton's Mystic prediction**

was a price worth taking. "He is listed at 40-1, but he won't be that on the day - more like 25-1 or even shorter," Charlton, who won the 1990 Derby with initely not stay. Quest For Fame, said. Mystic Knight, a son of Caerleon, won the Derby Trial at Lingfield.

"It's a very open Derby," the trip, so I'd say he's got a race."

Roger Charlton yesterday suggested that the 40-1 about his Derby hope, Mystic Knight, horses that stayed the distance Fame's year there were only two horses that stayed the distance and they finished first and second. There are a lot of horses this year unproven at a mile and a half and some of them will def-

"Mystic Knight is the only horse that has won a trial on a similar course and over almost the Derby distance. The winner Charlton said. "He seems to get of the Chester Vase isn't in the



### HAYDOCK HYPERION 2.00 Aybeegiri (nb) 2.30 Farida Seconda 4.00 C-Harry 4.30 GENEROSA (nap) 5.00 Takketamm

3.00 High Premium 3.30 Sharaf

STALLS: IT & 1m - outside; isf, for & 1mm - outside; 1mm - outside; 1mm - outside; 1mm - outside; isf, for & 1mm - outside; 1m

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ILEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS; J Dunlop — 24 winners from 97 runners gives a success ratio of 24.7% and a profit to a 51 level stake of 520.87; H Cecil—19 winners, 54 runners, 35.2%, +\$14.02; J Berry — 15 winners, 172 runners, 8.7%, 584.93; R Bollimphead — 13 winners, 151 runners, 8.6%, 545.90.

ILEADING JOCKETS: W Ryan — 30 winners, 137 rides, 31.9%, +\$32.16; J Carroll — 21 winners, 180 rides, 11.7%, 536.36; L Dettori — 19 winners, 130 rides, 14.6%, -\$55.21; Pat Eddery — 17 winners, 56 rides, 30.4%, +\$11.70.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME Joint Venture (2.00), High Prevalue (3.00).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE EURNERS: Sharef (3.30) & Ninotchka (4.30) have been sent 238 miles by J Dunlop from Arandel, West Surect.

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After seconds to Indian Spark in the Brocklessy, to Arethusa at Kempton and to Walt For Rosie (beaten a short head) at Brighton, Johnt Venture has Pat Eddary up and is tried bindered. He has every chance but he will be hard pushed to been 650-MENTAL following the latter's promising Ayr Introduction. An 11,000gns yearing who was resold for 28,000gns at two, Osomental was well backed at Ayr but proved very green early on. He eventually got the hang of thregs though, making up a lot of gound to be fourth to Express Girl in what was a decent conditions event, and should know enough now to win. Aybeegirl ran well against odds-on Alpine Time at Beverley on her debut but it remains to be seen how good the form is. High Spairths should be near his peak now after two promising runs, while there are some interesting newcomers, such as speedily-bred and well-drawn Fature Prospect, Out of Sight (18,000gns Salse coti) and Brutal Fastissy.

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HYPERION

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GOING: Para. STALLS: 1m 4f - outside; remainder - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low numbers best over 5f & 8f.

LELAW ALVANIZACES: Low numbers best over 51 & 6f.

Left-hand, U-shaped course, undulating and sharp.

Course is E of town. Pollow signposts from town centre. Brighton station in (fast service from London, Victoria). ADMISSION:
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54 (Inc 84 per car). CAR PARE: Pree.

REPRESENT TRUE: Last Spin (3.40); Masic Histress (4.40).
WHOMES IN THE LAST SEVEN DARS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE HUNDERS: Lady Carelina Lamb (4.40) sent 252
miles by R Bestiman from Livion, WYorks; My Gallery (3.40) & Lord
Sky (4.10) sent 230 miles by A Belley from Little Bothwith, Cheshire.

2.10 VICTORIA GARDENS SELLING STAKES

2.40 GRAND PARADE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 4f 414051 PRINCE DANZIE (15) (00) D Murray Smith 5 9 12

3.10 OLD STEINE MARDEN STAKES (CLASS D)

**HYPERION** 

GOING: Good to Firm (Good in places). STALLS: Inside. DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low for bi & St.

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Hambitooh (7.10), Szit To Rio (vi-

won at Reverley on Plaseley.
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miles by J Dunlop from Armdel, West Sussex.

6.45 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m

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7.10 TOTE HANDICAP (CLASS E) SION

£4,200 added 1m 2f

7.35 NORTHERN RACING COLLEGE STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000

added 2YO 6f

SES IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Strategic Play (8.35)

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£5.100 added 1m 4f

(CLASS 6) £3,000 added 2YO 6f

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Even on tasting ground, five furlongs proved rather sharp for MARTEANIA at Harmiton last time but, having made much of the running, he battled back to best Goretsia a head. He is 8th higher, but he showed as Notingham when running well from a poor draw that he is as Bib higher, but he showed at Notingham when running well from a poor draw that he is as good on turf as fibresand, so remains fanly treated. Madam Zhade, second of 17 to Desert Lynx at Newcastle, can again get the better of Parthazia (thint), Doug's Folly (sorth) and Rhythenio Ball 10th despite being 4th higher. She will be well indice by Martin Dwyer, Lise-erick Princeses is 2th lower than when warning at Woherhampton this month and hes since nur well at Cartisle. Miles Offiset was just over three lengths back in third at Woherhampton but has a 13th pull. Her turf runs shoe have not been encouraging. The relatively unsposed Lapa-Lapa ran well enough at Southwell in fourth to Mask Flower to suggest she will win a handicap. Marjonie Rose should be suited by the drop to six furings but Farida. Seconda scents to have enough weight in her first handicap.

Selections MAITEAMA

3.00 GREENALLS PROPERTY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,850 added 1m 30yds Penalty Value £5,542 CO-6636 BAND ON THE RUN (9) (C) (D) (D J Allen) B McMahas 9 10 0.

BETTROC: 7-2 Band On The Run, 5-1 High Premium, 7-1 Bollin Frank, 8-1 Up in Flumes, Re ickness, Dake Valentino, 10-1 others 195: Up in Resnes 4 B 5 J Carroll 10-1 (M Hammons) 11 rec

ISSEX by in Fennes 4 8 5 J Carmii 10-1 (M Hansrondt 11 ren FORM GUIDE

HIGH PREMIUM, tried blinkened for the first time at the age of eight, tooks the one to be on. Two Fibresand wins in March have been followed by good efforts to be fourth to litester Cherter at Newcastle and New Century at Thirsk (Up in Flames well behind in big fields and this looks merginally less competitive. Bellie Frank gained his only win so far over this trip lest year and it should not be long before his scores again judged on recent evidence. The handlesper has reased him 3 in for his game Beverley second to Courser, though, Barbergle's Lincoin thrif (Staheerolie was faurith has not worked out, atthough rain would help his chance, as it would Reversed Thictonese's, Alan Belley's runner noving been absentiable landing a Warweck cleaner last morth — Q Factor third and held. Tatties won those at Southwell in February and may have benefited from his Chester run recently, when the trip was also too far. Nordic Breeze would be better over 10 furlongs, Band On The Riva, at though running creditably, probably needs to drop in the weights, while Dete Valientics re-serves his best for Equitrack.

Selection: HIGH PREMIUM

3.30 COAL PRODUCTS GROUP RATED HANDICAP (CLASS C) £7,650 added 3YO 1m 6f Penalty Value £4,654 02-15 BENADOM (USA) (16) (IT F Hame) H Coch 9 7. 0-1 DISC OF GOLD (1834) (99) (Sheish Mohammed) M Johnston 9 7. 6-12 BENADOUS (1854) (199) (1994) Pance Farid Salman) P Cole 9 6 (21-0 OMERICALED (18) (8F) € J Loder) D Loder 9 6.

\_G Hand 2 BEITING: 9-4 Informores, 7-2 Shared, 4-1 Beltan

BETTON: 5-4 Smills It Wishin, 3-1 Chocolate Ice, 4-1 Desert Dunes, 9 2 Barr Bold, 7-1 Happy Talpan, 33-1 Belevarita

9 (2000) TODAL RAPIN (25) (1) Ringson 489...D R McCabe (5) 10 B
11 216132 PEDPLE DIRECT (15) (5) K McVallle 388...........J F Egun 3
12 0005-52 EFFENCIOUS (31) C J Bensterd 3 7 12..........A McGlane 6
—32 declared —
BETTING: 7-2 College Night, 9-2 People Direct, 5-1 Gentle Irony, 11-2 Again Together, 6-1 My Suffery, 7-1 Efficacions, Figuro Hole, 10-1 others

4.10 DOME HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 6F

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- 9 declares -BETTHG: 3-3.Apollo Red, 7-2 Vax Now Way, 5-1.Agon, 11-2 Dencing Heart 13-2 Sharp Jusp, 7-1 Random, 10-1 Jolis Present, 14-1 others

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8.05 Wm HILL HANDICAP (CLASS D) SKO

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- 9 doctored -BETTRHE 3-1 Samura, 7-2 Victory Board, 4-1 Smerter Charter, 9-2 Don. ing lengts, 9-1 Philister, 20-1 Absolute Utopia, 22-1 others

8.35 MICK McCOY HANDICAP (CLASS SKY

9.05 RACING AND THOROUGHERED BREEDING TRAINING BOARD MAIDEN STAKES

(CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 6f

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CLD ROSA John Bery 8 9

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13 0-00431 STRATEGIC PLOY (3) (0) May J Remedian 3 8 5 (5es)

- 8 declared -BETING: 7-4 Lady Caroline Lamb, 5-2 Solo Symphony, 7-2 Dancing Jac 5-1, Bine Seede Hools, 10-1 Incathrica, 16-1 Mystique Smile, 20-1 other

BETTING: 9-4 Information, 7-2 Shared, 4-1 Deletinos, 9-3 Besistem, 6-1 Overridad, 8-1 Diac of Cohi, 12-1 Arctic Feory
1995: Red Bustaen 3 8 6 M Roberts 6-4 (A Stewart) 4 can
FORM GUIDE
SHARAF is se safe on option as any m a trappy race. John Duniop's Sadler's Well's colt is
progressing with each run, finishing half a langth second to landamous at Lacester on his
responsing with each run, finishing half a langth second to landamous at Lacester on his
responsing by the 1-4 furlongs should suit Sharaf and he can overturn Lelcester form when finishings with
riflamous on a pound better terms. Infamous boosted the Lecester form when finishing eacound to Alfs Albit at Newbury and it would not be no surprise it he and Sharaf again fought
out the finish. Bellistor finished a place in front of Benations when promoted to fourth in
the race 'won' by Mortecristo at Chester, with Overstoled a disappointing lawounte in egipti.
There will be those who will fancy Benation and Overwied to come out on top of Belliator
this time, but the earp distance may not suit them. Disc Of Gold is a handicapper's night
mare, having shown title in a single start at two and then won a weak Southwell maden by
20 langths in March. The handicapper has probably erred on the side of caution in rating
her 85. Arctic Fency, third to Smart Pay at Think last time, should be suited by this trip
and has a 550 put with Benation for three and a helf lengths on last year's Portletract running behind Warbrook.

4.00 W Y INSURANCE BROKERS SELLING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 270 5f Penalty Value £2,220

VTVORA (David Caddy) Martyn Meede 8 6.

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HYPERION

2.20 Cornedy River 2.50 Faraway Lass 3.20 Dane-

hili Princess 3.50 Zahran 4.20 Macmorris 4.50

GOING: Good to Furn.
STALLS: 5f & 6f - stands' side; remainder - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Left-hand, oral course. Flat and galloping with easy turns.

Racecourse is 2m east of city off B686 Colwick road. Notingham railway station (served by London St Paneras) is 2m sway. ADMISSION: Cash 512 (Juniors, 16-21 years, 55); Tattersalls 58; Silver Ring & Paddock 54. CAR PARE: Free.

BLINKERED STEST TIME: El Don, Nes's Contessa & Opening Range (4.50), Doctor Green (visured, 4.20).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUINNERS: Volces in The Sky (4.50) has been sent 222 miles by A Newcombe from Huntshaw, Devon.

2.20 ARNOLD SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 2f

004-000 QUEENS STROLLER (SS) T Well 5 9 8. R Legyla 22 1165-50 SPITFIRE BRIDGE (S7) (0) M McCorrect 4 9 7 JR Hagles 18 025-500 TORY'S MEST (25) (C) J M Bradley 5 9 4. M Henry (S) 13

23000-0 MANIFACON (11) W Cay 5 10 D T S 000003 HANS A RIGHT (15) C Dayer 9 9 10 0521-00 SHE SAID NO (50) (7) Loss Huntington 4 9 10 1

20 50005-0 BATTERY BOY (25) W Bag 488.....

250 RADCLIFFE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 6f

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BETTENC: 7-4 Come Too Maxima's, 9-4 CHarry, 4-1 Suzee Star, 6-1 The Four Isles, 10-1 Vivora 12-1 Shotley Princess 1995: Lurar Mist 2 & 6 V Slattery 9-1 (M Meade) & ran

\_\_A Dealy (5) 6 8

FORM GURD?

CHARRY, proven on turf, is just preferred to Come Too Mamman's. A recent of Turesdoy's form when second to Skyers Flyet at Beverley may well be good enough. Come Too Mamman's has done all her running on Foresand, winning a filter's soller at Southwell text time. She had a bit in hard then and should run C-harry close in receipt of the 58. The others have yet to run. Susmo Stor has rather a smart podigree but begins her carrier in a soller having cost just 4.100grs. Perhaps the pick will be The Four lakes, who is brett to have a fire of rather.

4.30 LITTLETON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added

<u>30</u>	3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,558
36	BERENCE (26) (Sect.) Schengener) G Way 2 8 12
243	GENEROSA (25) FIRM Proce Fanc Salment H Cardy S 11 R Cockrane 7
0-0	GELDORAN SOURC (20) (3 ) Lawson T Easterby 8 11T Williams 6
	HERONMATER PAIS Same Ragges: M. Interests 8 11 Wearer 3
	MANSONO CASONO (USA) (IATS July) Nascher) H Cect 8 11
3.4	MESROPE. (137) (R.E. Sangster) P. Chancele-Hours S. 11 Paul Eddard 3
5-3	NINOTCHKA (USA) (28) (Ass K Raising   During & 11
	- 7 declared -
N2 7-4	Marino Casino, 3-1 Generosa, 9-2 Sercoice, 5-1 Maribol, 6-1 Macinhia, 7-1 Herea
	W.L Re-ed

1995; Top Strop 3 8 11 W Ryan 30-100 (H Cecal 6 ran

Meribel, fourth to Lody Carlo in the Lingfield Oals Trol, and Berenice, such to Tout A Coup in the Cheshere Oals, will appreciate the return to moden company and naive every chance. So too will Generoese, third to Yorn Asmeri at Kempton less time, and Minotchius, who filled the same position in Quota's Sandown meden. But the winner could be debusare MARINO CASINO. Herry Caell has a good epirson of this \$160,000 doughter of Alleged, a half asserted to Posses and Not Rouder slong with several other winners. She has been slow to come to hand but can begin to make up for lost time now. Mark, Johnston's Herromanter also has the pedigine to do well and the trop should suit.

Selection: MARINO CASINO

5.00 BICKERSHAW CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £7,650 added 7/ 30yds Penzity Value £5,096

2265-15 FREE DOME (27) (Astamood Al-Shuasto R Harmon 4 9 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ M HBb. 1
5214/12 TA(GACIANM (USA) (58) (CD) (Astamon 4 M Nationam Secol bin Susto: 4 9 4 \_\_\_ Detto: 4
521- IOSSEL (267) (R Fermet-Gascon) A Harmon 4 8 13 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ J Stack, (c) 6
01. MASTER BOOKS (GO) (D) (Chris Brasher) D (1047 3 8 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Past Eddays 3
3-10 INNER CIRCLE (USA) (X3) (0) (0) Tabod P Chapple-Hyam 3 8 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Past Eddays 3

BETTEMS: 5-4 Tendentament, 6-4 Fire Dorme, 6-1 Inner Circle, 8-1 Master Boots, Massel. 1995: Maste Lat 5 9 10 W Ryan 15-6 (S Whoolst 5 run

1995: Made Cat 5 9 10 W Ryan 15-8 (5 Woods) 5 ran 
FORM GUNDE:
DURKADAMMA, successful over the course and distance of two before running fourth to Pennetamp in the Dewhurst Stakes for Michael Stoute, missed all last season, but he won over a male of Niad Al Shebe in Dubai March, beating Teroshious a length and a half, before finding that mait the same distance too good in a Listed race. He should be good enough to writte. Fire Demie put up an improved effort to win the Cammidge Trophy on his reuppoor ance but he was only lifth to Young Em over the trip at Leicester afterwards in a race were to make each might be stamped in the might be at inhalf. Member Reader end

the pace was nothing special, so his stamma today must be a doubt. Mester Books an pressed when beating Elite Force and Mence Hall Stall at Catterick but neither of the placed houses did anything for the form in Prends Car's Chester handicap afterwards, so he still has plenty to prove. Perhops a begger threat will be limiter Circle, who made all when wirning a belossiter maiden on her return and also led to this distance before facing in the Premio Regina Elena at the Capannelle (Italy) lost time. Ex-French Klasiel had fair form for Andre Father but is best wortched foday.

Selection: TAKNATANIM Chris Broad, the 40-year-old Westbury-on-Severn-based trainer, is to hand in his licence next month and will set up as a jockeys' agent. Broad has sent out 53 winners on the Flat and over jumps in six years' training. His best horse was Mudahim, who won the Premier Long Distance Hurdle at Haydock and Cleeve Hurdle at Cheltenham in the 1994/95 season. "The top and bottom of it is from my successes I have not received the quality of horse, with the exception of Mudahim, that is needed to fulfil my racing ambitions, explained Broad. The trainer paid special tribute to his stable star, who gave him his latest winner when successful at

Bangor in March. "Mudahim has been a complete joy to train and has brought a lot of joy to myself and the yard. I'm not saying I'll never train again, but for now I'm looking forward to my venture as a jockeys' agent. Already two of the top 10 jump jockeys intend using me as their agent and I am looking to take on another two, but I will not have more than four on my books." Broad started in racing as a conditional jockey with John Haine and Pat Taylor in the 1970s. He took out a training licence in 1989 after serving

> 3.20 EBF MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £4,600 added 2YO 6F APRIL JACKSON P Dakon 8 11.

as assistant to David Wintle for five years. He enjoyed his

best season in 1992/93 when he sent out 17 winners.

EMEXILL (14) JOShes 8 11... FERMANDA J Duniop 8 11...... HARKANIYAH D Motey 8 11..... SEVA D Loder 6 11 - 6 declared -— a recurrent " BEITH© 6-4 Sept., 2-1 Fernands, 4-1 Danetall Princess, 6-1 Haldwelpel 10-1 Emilyjii, 36-1 April Jackson

3.50 OPTION CLAIM LEGAL EXPENSE PRO-TECTION HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200

added 1m 2f 

— 15 deciared — M Verley (3) 7
— 15 deciared — Milamum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weight: Storze Maquette 7st 9th.
Grey Krigdom 7st 7th, Perconomasia 7st 5th, Adoutabysturming 7st 4th,
BETTINE 2-2 Georgia Bull, 5-1 Wills Premiero, Scottlish Besubl, 8-1 Minster M-E-N, Zahran, 12-1 Bronze Maquette, 14-1 others

15 00-06 ABSOLUTELYSTURNING (11) Mrs 9 Wanng 3 7 10.

6 026-500 TORN'S MIST (25) (C) J M Bradey 6 9 4 \_\_\_ M Henry (5) 13 7 0300-00 PMI LASS (7) Miss J Bours 5 9 4 \_\_\_ G Deffield 20 8 12-6031 AMESONE POWER (56) 0) J His 10 9 4 \_\_ A Carls 17 9 ACC230 AMESONE (56) POWER (56) 0) J His 10 9 4 \_\_ A Carls 17 19 12300-4 DMARCHMAN (\$12) (D) J King 11 9 3 \_\_\_ T Quins 4 10 12300-4 DMARCHMAN (\$212) (D) J King 11 9 3 \_\_\_ T Quins 4 11 550-000 BORNATUM (\$22) 0) J Walmerght 4 9 2 \_\_\_ T hee 8 12 5005-25 MY HANDSOME PERIOE (18) P Been 4 9 0 \_\_ M Cardinio 6 V 13 14003 COMEDY REVER (14) (D) N Berry 9 9 0 \_\_ A A Extery (7) 9 14 110500 MAZILIA (11) A Suepter 4 9 0 \_\_\_ R Herwis (5) 10 V 15 341060 MEZZORAMBO (18) K Morgan 4 8 12 \_\_ C Sendifer (7) 12 V 16 000606 SPECE AND SUGAR 2779 B Cambridge 68 81 11 \_A Product 21 16 0-03043 SCOTTISH PARK (5) (0) J L Herrs 7 8 11 \_P McCaire (3) 7 8 19 062800 ND SUBMESSION (8) (D) D Creptorn 10 8 10 \_\_\_ S D Williams 14 4.20 GEDLING HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 1m 6f

0-00 DOCTOR GREEN (Fit) (27) Lord Huntengrion 8 10 ...... 

4.50 COLWICK APPRENTICES MAIDEN HAND-ICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 54yds

7 439-60 BROUBHTONES PROBE (26) J.L. (yes 5 9 2... D Samonny (2) 10
9 05000 - BL DON (185) M Ryon 4 8 13... A McCarthy (10) 7 B
10 5400 - OSCAR ROSE (265) Lost Huttington 3 8 12... J Wildenson (3) 2
11 00-00 JONA HOLLEY (22) Babling 3 8 11... R Minibe (5) 3
12 040-630 BRD NEMS (18) 14 Backley 4 B 11... C Londther (5) 15
13 303-400 MED'S CONTESSA (6) M Dods 3 8 5... J Denther (5) 15
14 564-000 OPENNIE RANCE (3) N Borry 5 8 4... A Editory 14 B
15 0000-0 RISTIC SONG (42) J WARRON 3 8 2... In Pleasen (3) 9
17 000-002 RISTIC SONG (42) J WARRON 3 8 3 2... In Pleasen (3) 9
18 0005-65 MED'S TOPTER NOSE (450) D Cougnot 4 7 13 Moon (5) 11

19 6000-05 CLASSIC DARK (30) R Spicer 3 7 11. \_\_\_\_\_ J Seeley (7) 8 20 6'-000 VOICES IN THE SKY (18) A Newcombe 5 7 11. \_\_\_ Franks (5) 5

- 20 declared -BETTING: 4-1 Butterta, 6-1 Hadrachile, 10-1 Not's Costessa, Bucides Society Magic, 12-1 Straight Tabulang, Jona Holley, 14-1 others

BETTING: 9-2 Personay Laus, 5-1 Sarato, 7-1 Cretan Gift, 8-1 Wild Palm, 10-1 Kings Flarmony, 12-1 RBM, Sanarolom, 14-1 others

GOODWOOD 2.10: 1. NAMED POSER (Dare O'Neil) 4-1; 2. Natalia Bay 13-8 for 3. Wall For Roote 5-1. 5 ran. Int, 1. (R Hannon, East Berlegn). Totac \$4.90; 51.80, 51.30. Dual Forcest:

Totac E4.90; £1.60, £1.30. Dual Forecast: £3.40. Computer Strught Forecast: £10.23. Non Rumer: Reunion. 2.40::1. NapaN (Liberion) 7-2 fav; 2. Bardon Hill Bay 10-1: 3. Royal Scimitar 11-2. 9 ran. 3, nd. U Dunion, Anundal, Totac: £4.10; £1.70, £4.10, £1.80. Dual Forecast: £27.50. Computer Straight Forecast: £32.93. Tricast: £165.42. This £61.10. Non Rumer: Chattern Island.

Chattern Island.

3.10: 1. DRANGE PLACE (T Quinn) 12-1:
2. Darrellin 14: 3. Stoppes Brow 20-1.
11. mm. 7-2 %; Courageous Dancer. 24: 14:
(T J Naughton, Epsom). Yothe: £13.90;
£2.40, £3.40, £4.90. DF: £87.80. CSF:
£140.74 £140.74. Tricast: £3,047.77. Tric: £252.20. Non Runners: Erion 4: Jo Maximus. 3.40: 1. Captain Horiatrus (T Quan) 4-1: 2. Wijera 4-1; 3. Lear White 100-30. 6 ren. 11-4 for Fahal (401). 2/4, 1/4. U Dun-lop, Aundel, Tote: EA-30: £2-20, £1-30. DF. 59.10. CSF: £17.89. Tric: £7.80. NRs:

Maldment, Maratinga, Midnight Legend & 4.10: 1. ORTOLAN (Dene O'Neil) 15-8 day, 2. Llowel Etherards 13-2; 3. Red Time 20-1. 10 ram. 51-hd, 114. (R Hannon, East Ever-legi). Tools 52.40; 52.10, 51.80, 53.80. DF: £6.80. CSF: £13.09. Tro: £40.60. Non

Runner: Beany.
4.45; 1. NORTH SONS (LDetter) 13-8 fay;
2. To Aviens 9-2. 3. Dremarks Moment 121.7 ran. 2½, 8. U Goden, Newmarket, Totes:
£2.40; £1.50, £2.10. DF; £6.40, CSF;
£9.80. Trice £23.40. NRs; Resirus Of Glory
& Brucky Codes.

RACING RESULTS

Jackpot: £10,574.80 (part won, pool of £10,425.86 in Haydock Inday). Placepot: £181.60. Quadrot: £54.20. Place S: £435.78. Place S: £256.11.

2.25: 1, SASURU (Paul Ectiony 15-8 fev; 2. Questionin 5-2; 2. Altamura 7-1. 14 ran. ½, 5. (G Wrage, Newmorkel). Totae 53.40; £1.40, £1.50, (2.10. DF: £5.10. CSF: £1.63. Tho; £18.00. 2.55: 1, HELLO DOLLY (Paul Edder)? 3-

1: 2. Soing For Broke 10: 1: 3. Silver Roj 50: 1. 8 ran, evers fav Forry (5th). 3, 2. (\*\* Burke, Wantage). Tote: £4.40; £1.10, £2.40, £8.30. DF: £17.90. CSF: £28.91. 3.25:1, 1946 NEEDLE (B Thomson) 9-2; 2. Feating 9-2; 3. Spartan Heartheat 6-1. 8 ran. 2-1 (av Sedier's Realm, nx, nk. (D Mor-lay, Newmarket), Toker £4.50; £1.40, £1.40.

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5.00: 1. CAPTAIN CARAT (K Fallon) 11-

2: 2. Metal Boys 20-1; 3. Featherstone Lane 14-1, 15 ran. 5-1 for Plum First. 2. shi-hd. (Mrs. J. Ramsden, Thirski, Tota: £4-90; £1-90, £6.00, £4-20, DF: £61,90.

CSF: £101.33. Incast: £1,391.56. Tno:

Goodwood was abandoned yes-":

terday with one race to run on safe-

ty grounds after visibility was

reduced to 50 yards by thick mist.

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Placepot: 190.90. Quadpot: 19.00. Place 8: £101.22. Place 5: £73.14.

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NEWCASTLE

key, Newmarket), Total: £4.50; £1.40, £2.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £24.71. Incast: £2.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £24.71. Incast: £114.38.
3.55: 1. HULA PRINCE U Weaver) 5-6 lay; 2. Young Biguing 4-1; 3. Seastide 8-1. 6 ran. star.hd. 1. (M. Johnston, Middlenam), Totas: £1.60; £1.20; £4.00. DF: £4.80. CSF: £1.9. After a stewards inquiry, result stood. 4.25: 1. Wast Ton; 15 Oneme) 7-2 lax; 2. Ruestiam Rappeal 5-1; 3. Sandblaster 11-2; 4. Dubai College 14-1. 15 ran. 4, 19-1; Bethell, Middlenam; Totas: £4.80; £1.50, £1.60, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £12.60. CSF: £22.83. Tricast: £05.93. Tric. £17.50.

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TOWCESTER 6.20 Polar Region 6.50 Georgia 7.20 Armaia 7.50 Teribit 8.20 Hermes Harvest 8.50 Joelfins

# Compelling case made by Barmby

Football

England

GLENN MOORE reports from the Workers' Stadium, Peking China

There were concrete dragons in the stands and imagined devils in the pitch but neither troubled England vesterday as they emerged unruffled and unscathed from their first encounter with Chinese football.

Their hosts played well enough for England to be tested but an upset rarely looked likely. By the end, with England in casy control, the 65,000 crowd had turned on their own, chanting "dismiss" and cheering every England move.

It was a sweet sound for Terry Venables, whose preference for an Asian tour was justified by the way his team handled a potentially difficult fixture. Nick Barmby scored twice and Paul Gascoigne once. Neither had previously scored under Venables. Barmby had never done so for England while Gascoigne's last goal was in autumn

Equally important was the successful return of Tony Adams, who played 76 minutes before allowing Ugo Ehiogu a first taste of international football. Adams was helped by the decision to revert to a flat back four as China looked to push forward in numbers. Alongside him Gareth Southgate looked as polished a conventional central defender as he had done

in the free role on Saturday. With a composed debut from Phil Neville and excellent performances from Gascoigne and Darren Anderton it was no wonder Venables looked delighted at the end.

Wisely he refrained from declaring the tour a success. There are four days to go yet, with another fixture to be negotiated in Hong Kong on Sunday. "That game could have been very difficult but I thought both the team and individual play was very good indeed," Venables said, "They could have got caught up in that atmosphere but they didn't. They took the sting out of it. China are a good side. Some will say that at 3-0 they're not that good. But that's not the case and their results

China's footballing merits aside, Sunday's game should be a stroll. The most significant thing about the match will be the team selection.

It gets harder to pick Venables probable Euro 96 squad with every game, and the coach is unlikely to find it any easier himself. This match was supposed to give Barmby enough rope to play himself out: his club form has been abysmal; he had not scored since January, and he had rarely looked like doing

When, after 23 minutes he failed to convert a chance created by Gascoigne, heads nodded and Barmby's looked about to roll. He had been busy but largely ineffective. Seven minutes later Anderton drifted past his man and slipped a pass to



Eastern promise: Paul Gascoigne scores England's third goal in the Workers' Stadium, Peking, yesterday

Barmby. He drew the goalkeeper, steered the ball past

seemed against him. Then his fortune turned. The ball rebounded back into his path and, though it came at a difficult height, he scored with aplomb. The confidence flowed back into his game and, eight minutes after half-time, he added an exquisite second, chipping the goalkeeper after a ng passing move between Gary Neville, Anderton and Gascoigne. There followed a

cross from which McManaman almost converted and, by the him, but hit the post. Even fate time he gave way to Beardsley, he was back in the 22.

He could even have had a hat-trick but decided against poaching Gascoigne's goal. Judging by the way Gascoigne celebrated it was a good job he did not. Gascoigne's joy was deserved: he had an excellent game and his 62nd-minute goal was cheekily taken with the outside of his foot following a classy one-two with Anderton. He faded slightly towards the

Djorkaeff has given the team

real penetration. Their qualities

have complemented perfectly

the ball-winning and tireless

running of Karembeu and De-

end of each half and looked England would not have been shattered at the end but, given his tireless industry, that was not too surprising. It was certainly not because he had worn himself out on the Great Wall. Gascoigne was one of the few players not to visit the attraction on Wednesday.

Gascoigne should have had his goal after two minutes, shooting over after Anderton and Shearer had set him up. On reflection it was a good thing he did not, as a goal then may have deflated the Chinese so much

stretched. As it was China, roared on by a raucous crowd, had their moments. They dominated the final third of the first half, with Gao Fen looking quite a player in attack. Perhaps Harry Redknapp will add him to West Ham United Nations next year.

The only disappointment was the failure of either Alan Shearer or his replacement, Robbie Fowler, to score. Each only managed one shot; they should

reports from Hartford,

the European Championship.

Benfica defender. On the oth-

er side of the Atlantic, Ally Mc-

Coist welcomed the news as a

respite from his struggle against the calf injury which kept him

out of last weekend's Scottish

will sit out Sunday's friendly

against the United States at

New Britain. The match is the

last before Uefa rules oblige

Craig Brown, the Scotland man-

ager, to name his squad for Eng-land. The Scots' final warm-up

fixture is against Colombia in

On medical advice, McCoist

Cup final.

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CHINA (4-3-1-2): Our Quillang (Guangdong); Wel Quan (Sichuan), Xu Hone (Dollard), Run Ziyi (Srenghal), Li Hong Ju (Yanbian): Xie Yudung (Guangarhou), Jiang Feng (Lucring), He Mingya (Guandang); Li Bing (Guandang); Gao Fen (Peiring), Heo Heidong (Army), Substitutes: Gao Zhanguan (Yenbian) for Jiang Fen, 33; Peng (Guangahou) for Li Bing, NY, MI Ling (Dalian) for Xie Yusing, Int. ENGLAND (4-4-1-1); Flow

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**Durie steps in** 

for McCoist

### Clubs' last bid to avert schism

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

Never in the century since rugby league hived itself off, amid establishment complaints that the "working man" had got himself too involved, has the Rugby Football Union committee in its full majesty needed to make a decision as momentous as that which faces it today.

The emergency meeting called in desperation by Bill Bishop, the RFU president, provides one final opportunity for the union to reach an accommodation with the major clubs of English Professional Rugby Union Clubs about the administration and financing of professional club rugby in England. Otherwise the clubs will collectively secede.

For the first time Epruc will have direct access to the committee and in presenting its case hopes sufficient among the 61 eligible to gather at the London Hilton will be moved to overrule the intractable nego aating position of Cliff Brittle, the RFU executive's chairman and head of the union's team in the talks with the clubs.

Brittle will present the committee with the final negotiating position as determined by his team yesterday. "We have of-fered them so much." Brittle told BBC radio. "We have offered them a management structure which is light years away from what the RFU would have offered to any of the top clubs even months ago. It accommodates the new professional era."

Epruc has remained steadfastly unimpressed, however. The clubs, while preferring to stay in RFU membership, wish to run their own affairs and use the money generated by their own competitions to fund professionalism, with the RFU still having the bonanza from Twickenham to fund grass-roots development as well as its massive repayments on the

ground redevelopment. 'We hope to get a fair hearing from the full committee," Donald Kerr, Epruc's chairman, said last night. "We don't think they have yet had the chance to hear our case in fu At the moment we have been offered less authority than we had under the old National Clubs' Association. In this profession-

al era, that is just not acceptable." Kerr has even suggested that he and Brittle step aside if that would facilitate a settlement but Brittle is determined to see it through, even though he is well aware of the strength of opposition to him on his own executive and even within the full committee.

"I'm not saying that mistakes haven't been made by everyone over the last few weeks but this has been a stance by Epruc to get me removed because I am the leader of the pack, as it were," Brittle said. "There is no personal agenda in this. There s no way I wish to break up this union. It would be an absolute

Kerr, meanwhile, was last night trying to get away from the contumely that has characterised relations between union and clubs. "We feel we have done all we can to reach agree-ment," he said. "What it boils down to is our need to have some decision-making power in relation to the professional game. We do not want is control of the game. We are not trying to take over everything."

### CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTDOWN: No5 France

# Champagne side have to keep sparkle

of 20 successive unbeaten matches. France are arguably the form team of Europe. They have several players who have shone this season in Italy and collectively their clubs have enjoyed one of their best easons in Europe. There is not even room in the national team for Eric Cantona. So why are Aimé Jacquet's

Player to watch



Youri Diorkaeff

At 28, this attacking midfielde of Armenian-Polish stock is in his prime. An outstanding season with Pans St-Germain, following five steady years at Monaco, prompted internazionale to sign him this week for EAm. An aliaction player who has a sharp eye for goal and also creates openings for others, he scored five times in France's last four qualifying matches. His father, Jean, won 48 caps, including

Having set a national record side no better than fourth or fifth favourites to win Euro 96? The answer lies not so much in the formbooks for the last two seasons as in those covering the last two decades.

Apart from the 1984 team's glorious victory on home soil in French sides of recent vintage have produced some champagne football that has never quite kept

its sparkle to the very end. Until Euro 96 the French had qualified for only one major had as many internationals tournament, the 1992 European Championship, since their semi-final defeat against West Germany in the 1986 World Cup. Moreover, it is the memory of their showing in Sweden four years ago that urges caution this time around.

Michel Platini's team went into the 1992 finals as one of the favourites after a two-year unbeaten run. They proved a huge in Italy, while Laurent Blanc has disappointment. Under Jacquet. a successful club manager with Bordeaux in the 1980s, the French recently broke the unbeaten 19-match record of Platini's team. Yet if Jacquet is just starting to feel uncomfortable about comparisons with 1992, he

has several reasons for optimism. at the right time. Most of the First, there was the form of French club sides in Europe this improving with every match. season. Paris St-Germain won the Cup-Winners' Cup, Bordeaux of the early 1980s, their reached the Uefa Cup final, a strength is in midfield. The re-Nantes team weakened by de-partures performed creditably in ed playmaker, and the dynamic



Next season Youri Djorkaeff

(Internazionale) and Lilian

Thuram (Parma) will join them

gone to Barcelona and the Bor-

deaux trio of Christophe

Dugarry, Zinedine Zidane and

Bixente Lizarazu are all seek-

importantly, France have the

look of a team that is peaking

squad are in their mid-20s and

Like the classic French team

Thirdly, and perhaps most

schamps and could free Desailly to play alongside the highly experienced Blanc in defence. The French have their eve on the 1998 World Cup in their БЩ" И УО the Champions' Cup and all the

own country as much as on Euro 96 and in those circum-Uefa Cup sides had their day. stances it is perhaps not surprising that Jacquet has opted Second, France have never for younger players ahead of playing at such a high level abroad. In particular, the Serie the experienced Cantona. David Ginola and Jean-Pierre Papin. The strikers' roles are set A experience of Christian Karembeu (Sampdoria), Marto be filled by two players with cel Desailly (Milan), Didier only 20 caps between them, Deschamps (Juventus) and Jo-Dugarry and Patrice Loko. celyn Angloma (Torino) could Paul Newman prove invaluable in Euro 96.

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Barcelona full-back Albert Ferrer to withdraw from Spain's Euro 96 squad. Juan Lopez of Atletico Madrid steps up. JUST THE TICKET: A guide to what's on where for the sporting spectator

### **Uefa backs** dual hosts for World Cup

The World Cup looks certain to be hosted by two countries for the first time after Uefa vesterday gave its backing to the proposal that South Korea and Japan stage the 2002 finals.

Lennart Johansson, the Uefa president, said after an executive On the day that Rangers initicommittee meeting in Rome ated moves to land a Pordorsed the two-nation proposal, which Fifa, the world governing body, will consider on 31 May, the day before the host country for the 2002 tournament is due to be chosen. Eight of the 22 members of Fifa's board are European and all will give "top priority to the co-hosting project"

It was also announced that European clubs can field an unlimited number of foreigners next season. Having fought the EU over foreign player restric-tions since the Bosman ruling in December, Uefa have finally given in. "We have to accept the situation," Johansson said. There cannot be limits."

Phil Masinga may have to leave Leeds after his application for a work permit renewal was rejected by the Department of Employment. The South African striker played only 11 times last season and, under the department's regulations, he must now change clubs to qualify for an extension to his stay. Injury has forced the

Miami next Wednesday. "The doctor has told us we should leave out McCoist and Billy McKinlay, who has a very similar injury, though he sees no real problems for either in terms of Euro 96," Brown said. "Obviously, they could break down against

have to take. But the doctor is confident, and there's still the fallback option of asking Uefa to sanction a replacement. Ironically, the main benefi-

Colombia, which is a chance we

ciary of McCoist's misfortune could be his club-mate Gordon Ibrox's old soldiers suffered a Durie. After two years in the insetback to his hopes of spearternational wilderness, the only heading Scotland's attack in Scot to run Pierre van Hooijdonk close in the Premier Di-Walter Smith, manager of the vision scoring stakes now has a chance to re-establish himself in Scottish double-winners, was in Lisbon yesterday to open nethe national side. Confirming gotiations with the Italian club that Durie would start against the US, Brown said he would Parma for the £3m transfer of Fernando Couto, the former decide today whether to pair him with Kevin Gallacher, Scott

Booth or John Spencer.

McCoist has cause to re-

member Couto, with whom he became acquainted after Scotland's 5-0 defeat in Portugal three years ago. "I was lying on the treatment table with a broken leg when he came in to swap shirts and wish me well," he said. "It's a signing that would show the club isn't standing still. He's a fantastic defender, very strong, and with more grit and aggression than most Portuguese players. He'll fit into our game perfectly."

Gordon Marshall, whose goalkeeping was one of the reasons Celtic pushed Rangers so hard for the Premier Division title last season, has signed a new two-year contract with the tragedy if that happened,"

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### PICK OF THE DAY THIS WEEKEND/Cycling British track championships Manchester

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Deep water comes right to the shore, so it is possible to view at close quarters the six hendicapped classes, one quarters the six handicapped classes, one non-rated, one sportsboat and 20 one-design classes. The daily programme involves a race for each class at five-trainate intervals from the start line in front of the Royel Yacht Squadron.

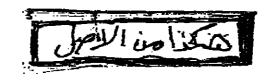
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Other vantage points to the west of Cowes include The Green and the promenade towards Gurrard. Yachting World, the sailing monthly, are producing the official spectator guide, which will also help to distinguish the various classes. The supplament goes on sale with the August Issue from 11 July, priced £2.60.

The isle of Wight Council, the local authority, also organises several en-tertainments to complement the sell-ing. There will be entertainment every night in addition to the Cowes Week Bell-at the local Northwood House on 7 Au-gust. The fireworks display, held off west Cowes, is on 9 August.

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# Relaxed approach for Montgomerie

TIM GLOVER reports from Wentworth

The Volvo PGA Championship, which gets under way over the Burma Road today, is the European Tour's first £1m event but Colin Montgomerie saw no reason to break into a sweat. About the most archious thing he did yesterday was to have a haircut, although you might have thought that was superfluous after losing his head last week.

Monty went into the final round of the Benson and Hedges International with a three-stroke cushion that he managed to turn into a hairshirt by scoring 84. He actually went round The Oxfordshire at Thame, battered by 40mph winds, in 82 strokes but was penalised two shots for kicking sand in a bunker. Officials decided he had infringed the rule about testing the hazard and he denies doing any such thing.

When I handed in my card said I'd got an 82 but Andy McFee said 'I think we'll have

to make that 84'." McFee was tournament director at The Oxfordshire and it was debatable on the final day whether the course was playable. "We've got a new name for McFee," Monty said. "Magnus Magnusson... I've started so I'll finish."

Had McFee abandoned the final round Monty would have been the winner. If his barber had suggested yesterday "something for the weekend, sir?" Monty would probably have asked for decent weather.

There was nothing wrong with my golf," he said of his 84. "It was just the conditions that ruined the event. I was battling hard for three days and the last day was just frustration."

Montgomerie has never won the PGA Championship, regarded in Europe as the "fifth major", but he has an impressive record at Wentworth: five top-10 finishes in the past six years. Gary Player was quoted as saying: "The more practise the luckier I get." Monty takes the opposite view. He tees off today without having played a practice round.

You want to go into a field

of this quality as fresh as you can," he said. "I'm happy with my game. I know my way around here. I think many players overdo it. That is one of the reasons why I have been successful."

Ian Woosnam, the leader of the Volvo Ranking, was similarly frustrated at the B and H. He has been drawn here with Nick Faldo and Stephen Ames, the man from Trinidad and Tobago who triumphed at The Oxfordshire. Woosnam and Faldo have won the PGA here and other course and distance winners include Seve Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer.

"The biggest change I've noticed in Seve," Faldo said, "is that his shoes are dry." This was a reference to Ballesteros's new-found accuracy in that he is no longer missing every fairway. Yesterday Langer, the defending champion, was presented with a pair of golden shoes by Adidas, his sole companions for 10 years. In that time he was walked more than 15,000 miles and won more than \$10m (£6.6m). It works out at about \$700 per mile.



# Bevan's class act falls short

Cricket

DAVID LLEWELLYN reports from Canterbury Yorkshire 261-5 v Kent

It was difficult to tell which expression was the more morose that on the face of Michael Bevan after he had miscued a ball from Kent's rookie seam bowler Nick Preston to mid-on, or that on the faces of the sparse crowd when they had anticipated at the very least a hundred.

### **Hampshire** are rumbled by Durham

Round-up

upshire, fresh from a famous pions Warwickshire at Edgbasion last week, were quickly brought back down to earth by Durham at Portsmouth yesterday, writes Adam Szreter.

Simon Brown (4 for 49) took three wickets in his first three overs, while John Wood, back in the Durham side after a year's absence with a back injury, struck in his first over and finished with 3 for 52. Wicketkeeper Adrian Aymes (41no) and Cardigan Connor (42) led a slight recovery as Hampshire

closed on 192 for 9. Elsewhere on a rain-affected day Nasser Hussain responded to being overlooked by the England selectors with \$1 for Essex at Derby, sharing in a stand of 158 with Darren Robinson (74). One of those selectors, Graham Gooch, was bowled by Devon Malcolm during a hostile opening spell. Essex ended the day on 225 for 3.

At Abergavenny, Gary Butcher, son of the former Glamorgan opener Alan and younger brother of Surrey all-rounder Mark, made a defiant 73 but Worcestershire had the better of a day restricted to 54 overs. Phil Newport took 4 for 49 to leave Glamorgan on 148 for 5 at stumps.

At Horsham, Alan Wells struck a fluent 92 and Bill Athey an unbeaten 70 to help Sussex reach 216 for 3 against Middlesex following Wednesday's washed out first day.

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derstandable, since his innings had been in full sail, running before the stiff south-westerly that was later to bring rain and rob the spectators of more than an hour's play. He fell a tantalising 20 runs short of the century, at the end of a two-hour tutorial in Batting Made To

Look Simple. It all looked so easy, so ef-fortless, yet the Kent bowlers were not there for the taking. Martin McCague, as hostile as ever and generating enough

**Britannic Assurance** 

(First day of four; 11.0 today)

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County Championship

CANTERBURY: Yorkshire (2pts) scored 261 for 5 against Kent (2).

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RJ Blaskey not out 32:
A C Morris not out 13:
Extras (02, h2, w4, nh10) 15:
Total (for 5, 86 overs) 28:1
Falk 1-80, 2-88, 3-196, 4-211, 5-217.
To bat: PJ Hardey, A G Wharf, R D Stemp,
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wiling: McCague 24-6-72-2; Thompson
4-52-0; Preston 19-5-42-3; Fleming
3-30-0; Patel 20-6-61-0.

KENT: D P Fulton, M V Fleming, T R Ward, C L Hooper, G R Covedrey, N J Llong, \*†S A Marsh, J B D Thompson, M J McCargue, M M Patel, N W Preston.

ires: R Palmer and A Clarkson.

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ABERGA/ENNY: Glamorgan (Opts) have scored 148 for 5 against Worcestershire

S L Watkin, S R Berwick Bowling, Newport 15.4-5-49-4; Sheriyar 8-0-27-1; Lampart 8-2-27-0; Illingworth 19-8-29-0; Rawnsley 4-2-11-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: TS Curtis, W P C Was-

INDER-21 TOURNAMENT GROUP B

STONES SUPER LEAGUE Bradford V Leeds, First Division: Salford v Dewsbury, Second Division: Barrow v Bramley, York

England v Belgium (6.0). (at Mayol Stadium, Toulon)

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Derbyshire v Essex

DERBY: Essex (Lpt) have see 3 against Derbyshira (1).

Essex won toss

KSHRE - First Inning

counted for Michael Vaughan - did not give up runs that easily; while Preston, in only his second first-class match, proved to be no pushover.

But Bevan was in a master class of his own. In his present rich vein of form - yesterday's was the fifth time has passed 50 in six Championship innings he gives plenty of hope to Yorkshire and none to the bowlers. Ten of his 11 boundaries gave the fielders no chance

Moucestershire v Surrey

GLOUCESTER: Gloucestershire (Lpt) has scored 223 for 4 against Surrey (1).

BLOUCESTERSHIRE - First Innings

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Rat

cliffe, "A J Hollioeke, Nadeem Shahid, D M Ward, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bick-nell, R M Peerson, J E Benjamin.

PORTSMOUTH: Hampshire (Opts) have scored 192 for 9 against Durban (4).

Umpires: H D Bird and T E Jesty.

HAMPSHIRE - First innings
'J P Stephenson c Scott b Brown
J S Laney c Scott b Brown
R S M Morris Bw b Brown

O James e Blankton b Betts

P R Whitaker c Moms b Wood

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G W White b Wood .

3-0-7-0.

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H C Hencock not out

Bevan's displeasure was un-bounce to pose problems - a and the one which did go to extandable, since his imnings wicked one in mid-morning ac-hand left it pretty quickly on its hand left it pretty quickly on its way to the perimeter rope. He fell to Preston, trying to

pull a shorter ball - the 102nd of his innings - having put on 128 for the third wicket with captain David Byas. Preston's maiden first-class

wicket was that of Anthony McGrath, one of three fine slip catches for Carl Hooper during the day. After the rain there were further clouds for Yorkshire as McCague muscled in and bustled out Craig White.

CRICKET SCOREBOARD Warwickshire v Leicestershire

EDGBASTON: Werwickshire (Opts) have scored 60 for no wicket against Laicestershire (O). WARWICKSHIRE - First Innings A J Moles not out

Total (for 0, 15 ove To bet: D P Oster, T S M Pollock, D R Bro Bowing: Maris 1-1-20-C; Nutsiny 6-1-21-C; Persons 2-0-6-0. LEICESTERSHIRE: V J Wells, D L Maddy, B F Smith, PV Sirumons, "J Whitaker, A Habib, TP A Nison, G J Persons D J Millins, A R K Pierson, A D Multally. Umpires: G I Burgess and D R Shapherd.

Second day of four, 11.0 today Sussex v Middlesex

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MEDDLESEX: P N Weekes, J C Pooley, M R Ramprakash, \*M W Gatting, J D Carr, †K R Brown, J P Hewitt, A R C Fraser, D Foliet, D J Nash, P C R Turnell.

Limpires: B Dudieston and B J Meyer. Other match (First day of three: 11.30 today)

8-111, 9-165. Bowling: Brown 17.3-2-49-4; Betts 19-1-83-2; Wood 15-3-52-3; Collingwood Oxford University v Notts DURHMAN: "M A Roseberry, S L Campbell, J E Monts, D A Blanktron, P Bainbridge, P D Collingwood, †C W Scott, J Wood, J Boil-ing, S J E Brown, M M Bests. THE PARKS: Oxford University have scored 178 for 3 against Notting Oxford Linkershy won toss

Impires: J W Holder and K E Palmer. Somerset v Northamptonshire TAUNTON: Northamptonshire (Opto) bave scored 62 for 2 against Somerset (U). Khen not out \_\_\_\_\_7
'H S Malik c Broadhurst b Chapman ...3 omerset won toss

NOTTINGHAMSHRE: JR Wileman, MP Dowman, \*P Johnson, NA Gia, JE Hind-son, †L NP Weller, U Altael, KP Evans, M N Bowen R J Chapman, M Broadhurst. SOMERSET: M N Lathwell, P D Bowler, \*A N Hayhurst, M ETrescoshick, P C L Holloway, Unrolres: B Leadbeater and J F Steele. S Lee, †R J Furner, G D Rose, J D Bestly, A R Caddick, K J Shine. Unopines: J H Hampshire and G Sherp.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES SPEEDWRY STAR CLP Second round, sec-ond leg: Belle Vue v Cradley Heath and Stoke. RESULTS

International friendly OPEN: Oxford. \_0 England (1) ...... Barmby 30, 53 Gascoigne 54 CYCLING: National Track Champ (Manchester Velodrome).

GOLP: Volvo PGA Chempionship (Went-HOCKEY: Women's international; England v Argentina (Ulleshall, 3.30). TENNIS: World Women's Doubles Cup (Ed-inburgh, 1.30).

EVENING RACING RESULTS

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tis Olympic XI 1.

Richens), Tota: £8.90; £2.70, £1.70, £6.40, DF: £44.50, CSF; £78.63, Tnc: £6.00, DF: £44.50. CSF: £76.03. Inc. £138.80. NR: The Scient Swen. 7.00: 1. PERCY THROWER (T. Jenis) 5-1: 2. Stornstracker 15-8 far; 3. Ballindon 4-1. 8 rps., 24.8. N. Twiston-Devley, Total £5-20; £1.80, £1.30, £1.20. DF: £5.90. CSF. £13.33, Tricast: £30.89. Tho: £4.80. NR: Aun-ha Alen. E33.33 (mass: 2-9.05). The 24-out we will be A60. 7.30; 1. WREKENGALE (R Durwood) 4-5 tay, 2, Fresen Drop 7-1; 3. Diamond Port 9-2. 6 tan. 6. 3. (Mts. 19 fresh). Yolke: £1.80; £1.40, £1.80. DP. £4.00. CSF: £6.86.

Twenty horses have been declared at the five-day stage for Tuesday's £30,000, Group Three Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown. Roger Charlton has

nominated the 10-furlong contest for the return to racecourse action of his Cambridgeshire winner, Cap Juluca, and is hoping that his four-year-old can follow in the hoofprints of the previous year's winner of the big Newmarket handicap, Halling. "I don't know whether he will make up into a Group horse like Halling, but only time will tell," offered the Beckhampton trainer. Cap Juluca was due to make his reappearance on 2,000

Guineas day at Newmarket but

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as Charlton explained: "He got an abcess in his foot just before he was due to run at Newmar ket. As a result, he has missed quite a lot of work, so whatever he does next Tuesday, he will definitely improve. He is basically a lazy four-year-old who takes some getting fit." Luca Cumani's Kempton winner Lucky Di (who worked well on Wednesday) and stablemate Ela-Aristokrati - a re-Stoute's stable - are also aimed

### Knight's flow checked by rain

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Edgbaston Warwickshire 60-0 v Leicestershire

Nick Knight, the batsman ignored by England for the Texaco Trophy series, swiftly helped Warwickshire to restore their equilibrium yesterday after the champions lost to Hampshire earlier this week.

Rain restricted play against the leaders, Leicestershire, to 15

Derartu Tulu, the Olympic 10,000 me-tres champion from Ethiopia, has called on the world athletics chiefs to alter the Atlanta programme to allow her a bet-ter chance to attempt a 5,000m and

unbeatable 3-0 lead over South Korea.

Cup two years ago, was her country's heroine again when she won the deci-

sive third match beating Km Ji-hyun 11-6, 11-12, 11-4. For China, who easily beat Denmark 5-0, it will be their sev-

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Avril Johnston was the unexpected leader in the international section of the Windsor Horse Trials yesterday, riding a horse called independent Archie who was

horse called Independent Archie who was once "going to get the bullet" because no one could break him in. Last year's winner, Pippa Funnesi, who had held the adventage for most of the day on Rainbow Magic, made second place and Despy Dick (whose father, Dave, won the Grand National 40 years ago) is now third on For the Crack. Funnell may take up the running again when she nides her second horse, Marshlands Rubio, in the dressage arena today. Either way, Funnell will out to prove the worth of her recent cross-country lessons with Mark Philips when she tackes the cross-country course on her two mounts tornorrow.

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**Athletics** 

overs in early afternoon, but responded with three bound-Knight and Andy Moles relaries in an over. ished Leicestershire's decision

interrupted innings. Injuries had ruled him out of past 11 months, but his recuperation was confirmed in a 42ball innings, bringing 24 runs. Alan Mullally tested Moles

Warwickshire's 10 fours - six to field. Moles had what must of them to Knight - defied awkward batting conditions. have seemed an interminable

wait to play this albeit weatheryet exploited attacking fields, David Millns bowling to four slips and a gully before rain in-Championship action for the tervened. Knight already has five hundreds in all cricket this summer and is averaging more than 50 in first-class matches.

most, though the left-arm quick bowier cut one ball back sharply off the seam to beat Knight, who

This game also marks the Championship return of Gladstone Small absent for almost a year through injury.

SPORTING DIGEST Rugby League

Huddersield have said that they will not select their utility back, Marcus St Hitalre, because he has set his heart on a move to Leeds. The Oldham forward, Joe Faimalo, has been found not gullty of illegal use of the knees, for which he was sent off on Sunday. His ceptain, Martin Crompton, sent off for using his forearm in the same match against Shelfield; has been been the conditions and the same match against Shelfield; has been been also as the conditions and the same forces are as a sent of the conditions but diese an ac-

banned for one match, but plans an ap-News Limited have launched their appeal against the ban on Super League in Australia by claiming that the judge in the original case had made "strange and blams" silica Move and start and bizarre" rulings. News said that it was still hoping to hold a play-off se-ries against top European clubs in Oc-tober if their appeal is upheld.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Kansas City 6 Detroit 4;
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3; Miontecal 4 Sen Francisco 3; St. Lous 5 Houston 2; New York Mess 3 Los Angeles 2; San
Diego 5 Philadelphie 2.

Jason Little, the Australian centre, seemingly sidelined for at least sh weeks after breaking his collentone and nose a formight ago, has aheady started tranning and could be fit for the Test series against Weles in Rivinana on a Linna statement Weles in Rivinana on a Linna nst Wales in Brisbane on 8 June. The Scottish Rugby Union is to stage a pre-season charity match to raise funds for the Dunblane Appeal, launched in the wake of the school masers have already said they are keen to play in the match at Murrayfield on 17 August, although the format of the game has yet to be decided.

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Entress were still climbing towards the 220 mark as fleets from both Gourock, on the Clyde, and Bangor, Northern Ireland, set off for their overnight race round the Mull of Kintyre to Tarbert and the Rover Senes of inshorte races on Loch Fyne yesterday. While the wind, softening from 20 knots down to 12 from the south west was not emercial on outs. south-west, was not expected to push crews and gear too hard, the low tem-peratures and persistent bands of rain,

even hail and thunder, made en-durance as important as skill over the

DUTCH OLYMPIC REGATIA (Medembilic en-lected GB only): Laser: 7 B Ansie. Soling: 1.0 A Beadsworth, 8 Parlan, A Stead. Toma-do: 1.0 D Williams, 1 Rhodes. Star; 2 G Charles. C Sunswiss

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Hennis

World TEAM CUP (Dasseldorf) Blue group: Casch Republic v Russia (Czech names first: P Konde of A Volkov 7-5 6-2; B Ulbrach lost to Y Katelnikov 6-4 6-0; Korda and D Vacek bt Katelnikov and Volkov 6-3 6-4). Czech Republic win 2-1; United States v Netherlands (US names first: R Reneberg b P Haarhus 7-6 6-1; T Marmi bt R Krajicak 6-4 7-6; Reneberg and J Statik lost to Itaarhus and J Stementak 6-3 7-5. United States win 2-1.

SPANISH WOMEN'S DEPN Readdon Sanders.

reservus and 3 stementa 6-3 7-5. Cinted States with 2-1, SPANISH WOMEN'S OPEN (Madrid) Singles, quantita-fisalist: A Sanchaz Vicano (Spl bt A Coetar (SA) 6-2 6-3; J Novatna (Cz Repi bt L Richiteriora (Cz Repi) 6-4 6-2; M Seles (ISU) bt 1 Sprica (Richi wir; M Maleeva (Bul) bt B Schultz-McCartify (Noth) 6-2 6-3. ST POLITIS GRAND FROX (Asstrict) Singles, quartiar-finalist: S Dosedel (Cz Repi) bt 5 Edberg (Sine) 6-3 6-3; A Gauderna (II) bt 1 Muster (Aut) — wto (Muster withdraw Injured); F Mantita (Spi bt K Carlsen (Den) 6-4 6-0; M Rics (Chie) bt F Clavet (Sp) 6-2 1-6-6-3. WORLD WOMEN'S DOUBLES CUP (Casiglocidount, Edinburgh) Doubles, quarter-finalist: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo) bt E Malagrova and E Mandstova (Rus) 3-6-6-16-1.

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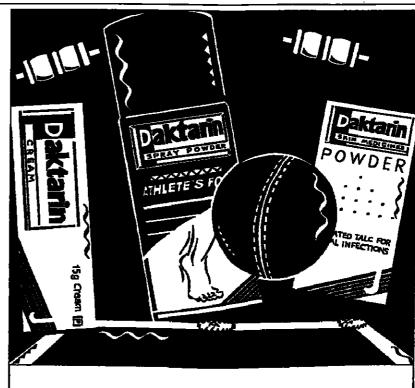
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### Sampras and Muster have injury setbacks

Pete Sampras, the world No 1, and Thomas Muster, the best player in the world on clay courts, have had injury setbacks but both are confident of being fit for next week's French

Sampras, who has played just once on European clay this season after the recent death of his coach, Tim Gullikson, has a back injury which frustrated his plans for some practice yesterday. Meanwhile, Muster withdrew from the Raiffeisen Grand Prix in Austria yesterday after spraining his ankle while warming up for a match.

Chanda Rubin, the American who is seeded seventh in the women's event at Roland Garros, has withdrawn from the event because of a wrist injury. Bjorn Borg, winner of the French Open six times, was recovering at his parents' home in Sweden yesterday after collapsing in a locker-room before a seniors match in the Netherlands at the weekend. Tournament organisers said Borg, 40 next month, had suffered an epileptic fit, but his mother, Margareta Borg, denied this.



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# Lewis on the rampage for new England

### Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE reports from The Oval England 291-8 v India 96-5

It may have been a new-look England team that took the field at here yesterday, but it was two old hands. Chris Lewis and Graeme Hick, with more than a hundred caps between them, who put the home side into pole position. When rain stopped play for a second time, India needed another 196 from 33 overs today if they are to prevent the hosts from going one up in the series.

Hick with a robust 91 from 102 balls, was the main reason England reached 291, though they gained impetus from the contributions of debutants Alistair Brown and Mark Ealham, whose 40 in 32 balls contained

two mighty sixes. But if Hick has shown a steady improvement since his international debut in 1991, Lewis has veered from the sublime to the ridiculous, sometimes in the same match. Yesterday his bowling was rarely anything but sub-lime, and his 4 for 29 - off six

overs - is his best return to date. It is rarely prudent to draw lasting conclusions from performances in one-day cricket. Even less so when the per-

ability since his international debut in 1990 has been to exasperate and delight team-mates and members of the medical profession in equal measure.

Last year, he managed just four days cricket with his second county. Nottinghamshire, before taking the rest of the season off with an injury to his hip. was no great surprise when Lewis moved county again, this time to Surrey where in front of a full house yesterday he could do no wrong. Perhaps his talent has at last found a garden in which to blossom.

Taking the new ball, he re-

ceived scant help from the other end as Sachin Tendulkar tucked in to some leg-stump strawberry mousses as Cork persistently looked for outswing that simply was not there, and Cork, talented cricketer that he is, had to put up with the indignity of being replaced by Peter Martin after just two overs.

Tendulkar was in brilliant form, clipping and driving with an ease and power that belies his short stature. A huge hooked six off Lewis's second over was

conjured from nowhere. With Vikram Rathore taking 15 off Martin's first over, India gained a momentum that England's more serious attempts earlier in the day failed to match. By batting two pinch hitters in the first three, the hosts managed former is Chris Lewis, a only 31 for 1 off the first 10 overs. supreme talent, whose chief By contrast India were 50 for 0

### The Oval scoreboard

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off five and looking set to finish the match off early

It was then that Lewis began to make inroads. Rathore, having languidly picked up Martin off his toes, got himself in a tangle trying to do the same to Lewis and was palpably leg before. Judging by the celebration Lewis then performed, it is choreography and not cricket that has been keeping him busy over the past year. Perhaps mirroring England's

use of Neil Smith at No 3, India sent out Anil Kumble to join Tendulkar. Two balls later, it was being written off as a failed experiment as Hick clung on to a

stinging edge at second slip.
Adopting Sri Lanka's no-surrender approach, Tendulkar continued to go for his shots when perhaps a period of retrenchment would have served better. A heave across the line at Martin was enough to get Tendulkar pronounced lbw.

Lewis then produced a corker to dismiss Navjot Sidhu, and one almost as good to get rid of Sanjay Manjrekar, both balls coming back sharply off the seam. It was that movement that hampered the effectiveness of Brown in his free-stroking opening role, and he was dropped in the slips off his second ball by Rathore.

Swinging a hefty bat effec-tively requires room and the In-dian bowlers gave none. With the occasional bounce and movement, life was never easy for the batsmen and both Michael Atherton and Graham Thorpe were caught behind off the moving ball.

No such excuse could be found for Brown, who was bowled hoiking across a straight ball after Smith had edged to Tendulkar at slip. But if Brown's downfall was reckless it paled beside Alec Stewart's, the Surrey skipper running himself out after pushing the ball almost straight back to the bowler.

All the while Hick was pacing in immes that contained six boundaries. In the end, the brilliance of England's late order denied him the century he deserved. Lancashire have asked the Test and County Cricket Board to start disciplinary proceedings against Ray Illingworth following publication of extracts from his forthcoming book this week.

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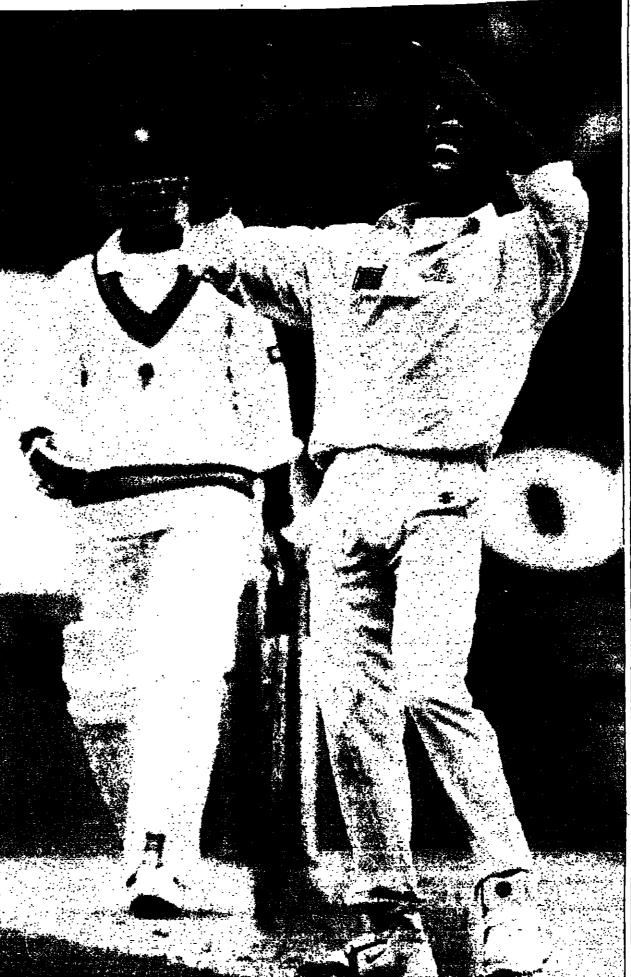
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Back in the swing: Chris Lewis celebrates the first of his four wickets yesterday

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# Pitfalls of pinch-hitting

HENRY BLOFELD

The Sri Lankans showed in the World Cup that on the slow subcontinental pitches pinch-hitting is a legitimate and highly suc-cessful tactic. On an Oval pitch with early moisture it is a hazardous pursuit.

By his very nature the pinchhitter is giving the bowler every chance of taking his wicket and sides who employ these tactics will often find they have lost too many early wickets. One of the strengths of Sri Lanka's World Cup victory was that they won the final and the semi-final after losing both openers very cheaply.

traditional opening batsman are in danger. The first English wicket to fall was that of Michael Atherton who was drawn into a forward stroke by an outswinger from Venkatesh Prasad.

At the other end, in his first international outing, Alistair Brown was already emphasising the huge gap between county and international cricket as well as the dangers of pinch-hit-ting in English conditions. He should have been caught in the

slips off his second ball. With Atherton gone and another pinch-hitter, Neil Smith, joining Brown, England looked in trouble at an early stage. As in England, with pitches allowing the seam bowlers move-

more modest intentions of the produced four of the best strokes of the day.

The result was that the third wicket did not fall until the 19th over when the score was 85. If that early catch of Brown's had stuck, England might have been 30 for 3 with Graeme Hick and Graham Thorpe engaged in a careful rebuilding operation.
Obviously the first 15 overs

presents batsmen with excellent opportunities. But it is no good adopting the relatively reckless approach of the Sri Lankans in the World Cup. It will bring em-

barrassment too often. Even so, it needed of Mark Ealham and Chris Lewis to take England to a formidable total. Maybe one pinch-hitter can be justified in England but surely not

### ment early on, openers with the sounding strokes while Smith Using a hammer to crack a few nuts

The Oval crowd

It is a long time since such a vibrant atmosphere was created at an England home match as was the case at The Oval yesterday, at least until the twohour interruption for rain and bad light in the late afternoon.

Credit-card booking and the gradual takeover of sponsors have been blamed for turning attendance at international cricket into a much more sanitised day out than it used to be, but the presence of large numbers of Indian followers was a welcome reminder that cricket is still a people's game, and that two sets of supporters are better than one.

Unfortunately, that is not how the authorities see it, and you did not have to spend very much time in among the more involved members of the crowd to hear complaints that got to the nub of the vexed issue of how to steward groups of spectators without impairing their over and have a quiet word

right to a good time.
The noisiest section of the Other spectators complained ground was in the seating on the that they were prevented from western side, opposite the old flying flags. The Test and Coungasometer. What was noticeable ty Cricket Board ruling that prohere was the extent to which, hibits such expressions of even as the beer flowed, rival

Simon O'Hagan tioned, and nobody wants to see a repetition of the sort of crowd hears rumblings of trouble that scarred the Pakistan discontent among tour of 1987. None the less, something valuable is lost if a crowd's natural exuberance is stamped on.

supporters intermingled in ap-There was also widely held reparent harmony, exchanging sentment at stewards who albanter and generally intent on legedly told spectators to sit enjoying themselves without down because they were blockrecourse to abusiveness or ing a sponsor's advertisement at the back of the stand. "We feel that's a bit strong," one said. "Tve However, all the spectators I paid £27 to come here today. spoke to complained of the Why should I have to sit down way they had been treated by stewards and police. "The attijust for that? The atmosphere is tude's been heavy-handed to say the least," said Ian Gregory very good-humoured. Everyone's been enjoying the cricket hugely, and it's been self-policfrom Southampton. "No one has been causing offence. Yet ing in that if someone has got a you have a situation in which the bit over-excited he's been told to calm down by people around him and that's been that." An Inpolice have come in and thrown someone out without it really dia supporter, Vijay Thakrar from Harrow, said: "We've paid being justified. If people are making a bit too much noise, all it needs is for a steward to come for the cricket not the adverts."

A Surrey spokeswoman de-nied that blocking an advertisement had been the reason for asking spectators to sit down. "There were people standing on seats, and that can be dangerous. We've asked them to sit support is of course well inten- down for their own safety."

### **Venables** salutes **Barmby** double

Football

England emerged from their precarious assignment in China yesterday with all limbs intact and several reputations en-

and several reputations enhanced, none more so than Middlesbrough's Nick Barmby who scored twice in a 3-0 victory.

The state of the pitch at the Workers' Stadium in Peking had been the main source of concern for Terry Venables' side, but neither that nor the Chinese national team posed Chinese national team posed any insurmountable problems. any insurmountance proofers.
Barmby scored one in each half and Paul Gascoigne added a fine third goal, his first for England since September 1993.
Barmby, recalled to the squad despite not scoring for his club for 14 games, was under-standably delighted. "No one has a divine right to be in the squad but hopefully I've put something in the manager's mind for next week." he sale Venables, who names his

man squad for the European Championship finals when the party returns after Sunday's game in Hong Kong, has kept faith with his old Tottenham charge after reassurances from his assistant coach, Middles-

brough's manager Bryan Robson. "He had a terrific start and then they had a lot of injuries and he has done a lot of odd jobs for him [Robson]," Ven-ables said. "But every time he's come to join us he's looked ter-rific, which you don't see so much, and I felt it was time he and a few others had a look-in. There's a lot there who now have a case to he in."

The England coach was de-lighted with his players, including Alan Shearer, now 13 England games without a goal. "I told him, 'I'm bringing you off but you've done well'. You've got to realise it's his first game for a long while: We're rushing him

along," Venables said.
Paul Gascrigne, acclaimed by
the enthusiastic Chinese crowd when he collected the man of the match award, said: "We had eight young kids out there who showed good determination.

They didn't look under and pressure and did very well."

Manchester United full-backs Gary and Phil Neville became the first brothers to play for England years ago. Older brother Gary said: "It was a proud moment for the family, but it doesn't really matter who plays. It's about preparing for the Championship

land was that Arsenal's Tony Adams came through his first competitive test since his cartilage operation in January.

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